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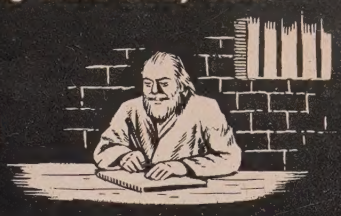

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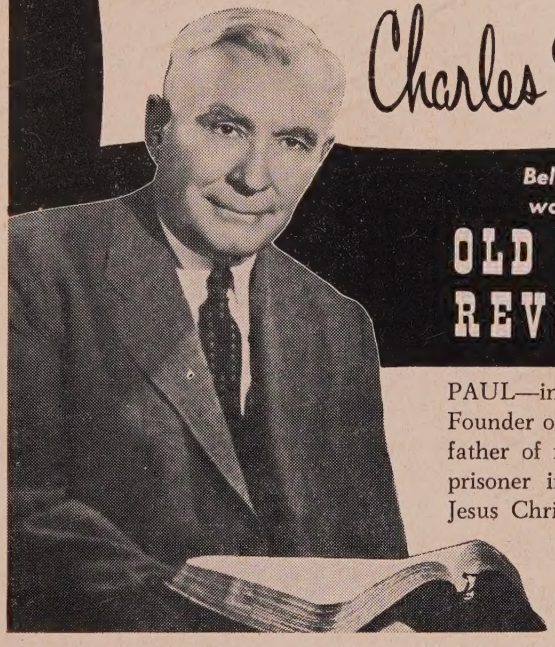

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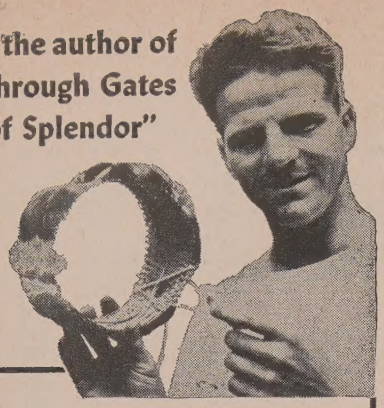

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Readers Say—

An Unpardonable Slip

To the Editor:

As always, I enjoy reading *Action* magazine. finding good food-for-thought throughout its pages.

While reading under the caption "Denominations" in the August 15 issue, I couldn't help but let out a big hearty laugh as I came across a "Pardon, Your Slip is Showing" in the second paragraph. "Organized in 1947, the CBAA is a back-to-the-Bible fellowship of autonomous churches, dedicated to soul-sinning, etc, etc!"

No doubt I'm not the first one to call this to your attention; but it struck me as quite humorous.

JOHN ELSPAS

Pasadena Calif.

[EDITOR'S NOTE: This error must have occurred in an early run. It was corrected later. Thanks for "pardoning" an unpardonable typographical sin.]

Advertising Morals

To the Editor:

It irks me that the official spokesmen for the advertising industry all seem to take for granted that everyone in the advertising field should approve and defend the widespread advertising of liquor and tobacco. Has the industry no sense of moral responsibility? Evidently not, when multiplied millions of dollars of income are involved.

To concede that the sale of liquor is legal is true only in a severely qualified degree. Its sale is not legal to minors, who represent probably a third of the entire population. Its sale is not legal in various restricted areas, on occasions such as election days, and especially in the hundreds of counties where local option has banned it by popular vote of the people.

I like what R. G. LeTourneau is reported to have said in his congressional committee testimony—that the liquor people should have a free hand to advertise as extensively as they wish so long as they stick to the truth. Let them set forth the effects of the use of their products as do other producers. Let them depict the end results—the wreckage of health and homes, the destruction of character and careers, the costs to society that are vastly greater than all forms of revenue paid.

Some of these days I hope to prepare a leaflet with a concise listing of facts from the standpoint of the moral responsibliities involved as viewed by an advertising man.

Because of the very nature of these products, their alluring type of advertising is unavoidably deceptive, both as to liquor in all forms and also cigarets.

So inescapably evil are these morally outlawed commodities that they tend to contaminate everything they touch.

As to the undesirable effect of their advertising upon the respect and confidence of the public in advertising in general, the psychology of the situation is all against them. This is probably far more serious than our advertising big wheels are willing to admit. It is significant that the really top quality publications reject all liquor advertising,i.e., *Reader's Digest*, the Curtis slicks, *National Geographic*, etc. Hundreds of newspapers across the country also refuse to carry such ads.

Let me close with a quotation from what many of us regard as the final authority which says: "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is DECEIVED thereby is not wise" (Proverbs 20:1).

R. H. BYRUM
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Denver, Colo.

Is This Parable Passe?

To the Editor:

In posing this question we are thinking of the parable of the good Samaritan. Perhaps because it has become so familiar to people everywhere it has not served as the basis for sermons as frequently as was the case in former years. However it has a peculiar pertinency to the present hour, especially with reference to the subject of revival which constantly enlists the interest and attention of the readers of *Action* magazine.

I have always maintained that the growth of a corrupt ecclesiasticism is a major deterrent to spiritual revival. This is especially true in denominations where liberals are in control of the ecclesiastical machinery.

When a Christian worker is confronted with a constant recurring of closed doors instead of ready opportunities for service he is constrained to look within and without for reasons for such conditions. Servants of God who have faced similar situations will recall how peculiarly appropriate the words of I Peter 4:12 "Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to prove you, as though some strange thing happened unto you" seem at such times. It was under such circumstances that a man had occasion to seek the counsel of a gifted and experienced layman highly respected in the councils of the Church. By him he was furnished with the information that he had many friends who felt that he had received a "raw deal." Yet he seemed reluctant to point out anything specific to which his fellow presbyters objected. After some time he spotted another minister and said: "It does not help your cause to be known as a friend of that fellow." This good man had been practically forced out of his church even though he had enjoyed a nearly unanimous backing of his session. Now that he was not in good standing with the "machine" his friends were advised to do as did the smug religionists on the Jericho road, gather their ecclesiastical skirts about them and walk safely on the other side of the road—giving no heed to the agonizing wounds and cries of a stricken brother. This is the kind of play-it-safe religion practiced by the successful ecclesiasts in every age. This is not the Christianity of the Cross but the watered-down religious fraud of the cult of the comfortable, the stock-in-trade of the advocates of a policy of convenience and conformity to the world.

No! the parable of the good Samaritan is not passe. It is very much alive and up-to-date and replete with practical truth for our generation. This is a truth which the ecclesiastical opportunists will consistently try to ignore. Having been infected with the modern virus of success they have become impervious to the demands of the elemental morality contained in the Christian Gospel.

Let no one dare to say that the argument of this brief article is not valid because it is based only upon a single isolated case of moral defection. Anyone daring to come to the rescue of a brother minister victimized by a modern ecclesiastical machine will soon discover that he will get no help from the priests and Levites—the clergy or the laity. Such will only raise their eyebrows and say: "He should not have said that. He has no tact. He is a fool to let himself become a martyr for somebody else." They seem not only to have forgotten the parable, but also the words of the Apostle (I John 3:16) "By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren."

ERIC EDWIN PAULSON
Minneapolis, Minn.

For Billy Graham

To the Ediaor:

I have just finished reading and looking through the latest issue of *Action*. I would like to say that I appreciate the publication and what it stands for.

I have been especially interested in recent months with the reactions which the Billy Graham crusades have had among different denominational groups. I noted the article as carried under the section, Evangelical Newsfront, in which our National Association (Free Will Baptists) while meeting in St. Louis, Missouri, denied support to Billy Graham. I would like to say, however, that not all Free Will Baptists feel this way. For instance, one of our Associations in North Carolina only recently pledged their support to the future crusade which will be held in Charlotte, North Carolina.

There are many of us (perhaps the majority) which feel that Mr. Graham is being greatly used of God, and therefore, stands in great need of support; both by prayer and otherwise.

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NATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL MOVEMENT MARCHING ALONG

CLATE A. RISLEY
Executive Secretary, National Sunday School Association

A MISSOURI BAPTIST who wanted to be "shown" recently inquired if Sunday School attendance is continuing to rise or is it leveling off?

Sunday School attendance continues to climb, but more in some areas than others, and as always, there is a reason. Without doubt more Sunday School conferences will be held in 1958 than in any year of the life time of this generation. The result of these conferences is better Sunday Schools and better Sunday Schools means more interest which means increased attendance.

The majority of these conferences have been sponsored by evangelicals, who possessing the right message have not always used the right methods. An awakening to the importance of proper techniques is taking effect in our churches. In some faster than others.

The year 1958 has been a decisive year in Sunday School history, especially for those interested in and cooperating with the National Sunday School Association.

May I briefly recount the NSSA story?

The NSSA Story

NSSA was organized to serve. Its brief history is an amazing success story of Sunday School revival.

For more than a quarter century the Sunday Schools of America lost thousands of pupils annually. During the past decade the trend has turned and more than a million Sunday School pupils have been added each year.

Decline in Sunday School attendance was related to the fact that much of the available lesson material was colored by liberal theology and thinking.

In 1944 the president of the National Association of Evangelicals called a meeting of representative publishers, editors, and Christian education leaders in Columbus, Ohio to consider what might be done about the situation. After two days' discussion two committees were appointed—one to proceed in the development of new Uniform Bible Lesson Outline series, and another to organize an evangelical National Sunday School Association.

The NSSA story began when a group of conservative leaders in the field of Christian education met in Chicago, May 1, 1945. Called together by the commissions appointed earlier in Columbus, they organized an association to produce new uniform Sunday School lessons and to spearhead Sunday School revival through Sunday School conventions.

The first National Sunday School convention assembled October 2-6, 1946, in Chicago's Moody Church. A board of directors was elected and an executive secretary was secured. Conventions have been held annually in strategic locations.

Greatest Sunday School revival has come when churches have had a biblical emphasis and have actively participated in Sunday School conventions. These churches have combined two important factors, the right message and the right methods.

NSSA, born for such a time as this, has carried the spirit of Sunday School revival into every part of our great country endeavoring to serve America's Sunday Schools effectively.

The NSSA Today

Today the widespread benefits of NSSA's program are indicated by the fact that over 90 denominations have been represented at National Sunday School conventions. Attendants have come from every area of the nation and Hawai, Canada and other foreign countries. NSSA is an interdenominational, evangelical service agency, seeking to revitalize the Sunday Schools of America.

The services of NSSA are varied and numerous: Sunday School Conventions, National Family Week, National Sunday School Week, Link Magazine (monthly), Sunday School Encyclopedia (annual), Service Literature, Uniform Bible Lesson Outlines, Affiliated Sunday School Associations, Consultation Service, and Service Commissions.

The Sunday School revival movement is gaining more momentum through the numerous conventions held by state, city, and area Sunday School associations which are affiliated with the National Sunday School Association. Since 1945 there has been a steady increase in Sunday School attendance; interest in the Sunday School has been renewed; and better cooperation among evangelicals has become a reality.

Cause for Rejoicing

Every year of NSSA's brief history has seen progress. During the last few years expansion has been especially noticeable. NSSA leadership realizes the need for more men on the force and in the field if the revitalizing process in the Sunday Schools of America is to be done. Of course more men means more finances and more finances means more faith. That there have been more men and more finances this past year than ever is the greatest evidence of God's grace and goodness.

Even though with a growing staff the needs have been higher than ever the income has kept pace. Until midsummer over-all receipts for 1958 were running 50% above the same months last year. In a year of recession, in a year when many other charitable organizations were harder pressed financially than in many years, in an organization supported wholly by the gifts of God's people, this is cause for rejoicing and praise to our God.

Another cause for rejoicing has been the denominational cooperation at the Sunday School level. Denominational Sunday School secretaries have met for a planning conference for the last several years. These conferences have been mutually profitable.

The denominational leaders together with the NSSA staff have planned National Family Week and National Sunday School Week. More and more churches are taking advantage of this special emphasis and as a result are developing a greater family and greater community consciousness. As the Sunday School becomes aware of the family and the community, the family and the community become

aware of the Sunday School. This two-way consciousness means new life for the family, the Sunday School and the community.

Literature represents a goodly part of our service. It has been a costly matter to get materials ready and to distribute them. This process has been greatly aided by a small off-set printing press the board authorized purely on faith a few months ago. Now it is over half paid for and we believe will be paid for before the end of this year. In production it has paid for itself already, for although we have spent as much on printing as before we have produced over three times the usual amount of materials. This includes service literature as well as promotional pieces.

NSSA has helped in a number of areas where Sunday School conferences had been held before. Some of the new areas are Great Falls, Montana; Bend, Oregon; Madison, Wisconsin; Sioux City, Iowa; Omaha, Nebraska; Columbus, Dayton, Springfield, and Elyria, Ohio; and Gull Lake, Michigan.

Des Moines, Iowa, capital city, centrally located in the state and in the nation will host the thirteenth annual National Sunday School Convention, October 8-9-10. A local committee of over 100 have been busy for months while some of the key leaders have been planning and working for nearly two years.

Travel by the NSSA staff into every part of the country reveals interest and plans to attend are high. Representatives are coming from at least 40 states, most of the provinces of Canada, South Africa, possibly England. Several car loads are planning to drive from Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Several cities are planning to charter buses. The three day convention, with the two preliminary days of conferences for national leaders on camping, youth, and Christian education research indicate attendance will exceed four thousand for the week.

Looking Ahead

All this interest and enthusiasm might be misleading. Everybody isn't going to Sunday School or Sunday School conventions. Four out of five do not attend any Sunday School. Sunday School is becoming important to thousands more every year but there are millions to be reached for Christ now! How can we make Sunday School important to millions more? *Here is how—*

Let's begin by making it important to millions of church members who do attend church regularly, but do not go to Sunday School.

How can we do that? By beginning now to train our present staff of Sunday School leaders to teach the best Book best.

Then let's train our church members and make real leaders and workers out of them so that 10% of the membership will not carry 90% of the load. In other words lets make our churches Sunday School conscious.

Let's pray that our pastors will become Sunday School enthusiasts and will see how a healthy growing Sunday School can aid and multiply their ministry.

Let's all share the work load, the prayer responsibility and see that enough of God's money is invested in the Sunday School to provide the facilities and the equipment needed. This will help to make Sunday School important.

What else can we do?

Lets plan for greater unification of our Christian program in the local church.

Let us manifest a greater concern to reach the whole family and make Sunday School a family affair.

Better still find out what families in your area do not attend any church or Sunday School. Go after them, prayerfully but deliberately and systematically.

Last, and possibly most important of all, let's encourage our youth, our future pastors and missionaries to attend Christian schools where they can receive practical as well as theoretical help in Christian education. It will pay big dividends.

The National Sunday School Association sponsors "National Sunday School Week" annually between the last Sunday of September and the first Sunday of October. This year National Sunday School Week is September 28 to October 5. Sunday Schools, churches, and Sunday School Associations will cooperate to make the community and the nation conscious of the Sunday School.

The theme this year is "Millions for Christ Now!" and it is beautifully illustrated on posters, post cards, church bulletins, and streamers. All materials needed can be ordered through the National Sunday School Association, 542 South Dearborn Street, Chicago 5, Illinois.

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DES MOINES HOST TO NSSA'S 13TH CONVENTION

A Bird's Eye View of Iowa's Capital City

By VERDA BLOOMHUFF

DES MOINES, capital city of the state of Iowa, has for many years enjoyed an enviable reputation as a convention center. On October 8-9-10 of this year the National Sunday School Association will have the privilege of holding its Thirteenth Annual Convention in the beautiful new Veterans Memorial Auditorium in this famed convention city.

With delegates expected from a wider geographical coverage than ever before, including several foreign countries, the convention is expected to tax the 15,000-seating capacity of this huge auditorium. Facilities are the most modern and include nearly a hundred thousand feet of floor space—ample accommodation for major sessions, group meetings and conferences, workshops, exhibits and other convention needs. Modern ramps on a gradual grade make it possible for huge crowds to circulate throughout the building with maximum ease and safety. There are parking facilities for nearly 1100 cars, and public transportation is available at virtually every door of the Auditorium.

Located in Central Iowa in the heart of one of the richest agricultural areas in the world, Des Moines is the largest manufacturing center in the state. It occupies a fifty-mile radius and has a metropolitan population of nearly two hundred fifty thousand. The city has quite an interesting history. It had its beginning in 1843 when a fort was built at the fork of the Raccoon and Des Moines Rivers to protect the rights of the Indian tribes, the Sacs and the Fox. According to old Indian stories, the river on whose banks the fort was built was known as the "Moingona." Later the name was shortened to "Moin" by French explorers who called the stream "la riviere des moines." Thus the city got its name "Des Moines." When the fort was completed the surrounding land was opened to the whites for settlement. By 1853 there were about 500 inhabitants in the settlement and the city of Des Moines was incorporated. It became capital of the state in 1857. The present state capitol, which stands on a hill surrounded by a beautifully landscaped eighty-acre park, was begun in 1871 and completed in 1896.

John Gunther in his book, "Inside U. S. A.," opens his chapter on Iowa with the comment that the state is noted for corn and hogs. This is doubtless true of the state as a whole, but the city of Des Moines, host to the coming National Sunday School Convention, is quite definitely a cultural, religious, educational, business and industrial center. It is sometimes called "The Hartford of the West" after Hartford, Connecticut, the largest insurance center in this country. The site of forty-nine home insurance companies and more than a hundred state, district or regional offices of other insurance companies, Iowa's capital city is known as the insurance center of the west. Hundreds of thousands of people throughout the United States carry policies in these companies. Vast amounts of printing required by the insurance business have helped make Des Moines the sixth largest publishing center in the United States. A number of fine magazines are printed there—including *Better Homes and Gardens, Look,* and *Wallace's Farm Magazine.* Many of the publishing firms offer tours of their plants.

The home of nearly four hundred wholesaling and jobbing firms, the city is vastly more than a distributing center. Over three hundred factories manufacture more than a thousand different products ranging from farm implements to cosmetics. The wide variety and excellent balance of business and industry, closely allied to the agricultural community, make for solidity and stability of economy. Amusement and culture are a definite part of the life of the city. Modern motion picture theaters dot the area. The Art Center is one of the newest and most beautiful in the nation and enjoys the distinction of being the home of the largest legitimate theater in the nation, KRNT Radio Theater. The Drake-Des Moines Symphony, the Civic Music Association, and the Community Play House are unequaled in any community of comparable size. Drake University, largest educational institution of the city, has among its enrollment students from all over the United States and many foreign countries. Degrees in law, art, music, liberal arts and others are offered. A full program of intercollegiate athletics, professional baseball, and other sports and recreational activities is followed. In addition to Drake, home of the famous Drake Relays, there are other colleges—Des Moines Still College of Osteopathy and Surgery, Grandview, a Lutheran school, and the Open Bible Standard College. Iowa State College is located at Ames, just a few miles away. The public school system is one of the most modern and progressive in the midwest. Ten hospitals provide nearly two thousand beds, exclusive of those at the U. S. Veterans Hospital.

Communication and transportation facilities put Des Moines in easy and immediate contact with the rest of the nation and the world. There are six well-known radio stations in the city: WHO and WHO-TV studios are located at Eleventh and Walnut Streets. KRNT and KRNT-TV, operated by the Cowles Broadcasting Company, and a part of the *Register* and *Tribune* organization, are located at the KRNT

Theater. Other stations are KSO, KCBC, KWDM, and KIOA. Visitors are welcome at all the stations. The city is served with television by WHO-TV, KRNT-TV and WOI-TV at Ames, which carry major network programs. Transportation by air, road and rail makes it easy to reach Des Moines. The Municipal Airport, one of the finest in the nation, located less than four miles from the heart of the city, is served with frequent schedules by Braniff Airways International and United Air Lines. Ozark Airlines provide local service to key cities of Iowa, Illinois, and Missouri. Seven railway trunk lines serve Des Moines: Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific; Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific; Chicago, Burlington and Quincy; Chicago Great Western; Chicago and Northwestern; Minneapolis and St. Louis, and Wabash. Motorists can approach Des Moines via U. S. Highways 6, 65, and 69, and Iowa Highways 28, 60, 64, 90 and 163 pass through the city. Two downtown bus stations are served by American Bus Lines; Des Moines, Springfield and Southern; Greyhound Bus Lines, and Jefferson Bus Lines.

A number of fine modern hotels and motels provide excellent accommodations for convention delegates. The Savery Hotel, NSSA Convention Headquarters, is located at Fourth and Locust Streets, just a few blocks from Veterans Memorial Auditorium. Meetings of the General Council, the Board of Directors and various Commissions will be held in the Savery. Closest to the Auditorium is the Brown Hotel at Fourth and Keosauqua Streets. Other hostelries near by are Hotel at Fourth and Keosauqua Streets and Randolph Hotel at Fourth and Court Streets. A few of the more popular motels are: Bruin Motor Court, 1339 E. Euclid Ave., on U. S. 6, 65 and 69; Casa Bella, 3132 S. E. Fourteenth St. on U. S. 65 and 69; Gilbert, 4812 E. Broadway, on U. S. 6, 64, and 65; Lone Tree, 5025 Hubbell Blvd., on U. S. 6, 64 and 65. For NSSA Convention delegates who wish to stay in homes, the local housing committee will do their best to find accommodations (for which there will be no charge). Application for this type of accommodation should be sent to Mrs. C. E. Stanley, 2009 Beaver, Des Moines. Be sure to state the number of people who are coming and when they hope to arrive; list the sex and relationships of the members of the group. Hotel reservations should be sent direct to the hotels.

SAVERY HOTEL, Fourth and Locust Sts., Convention Headquarters. Meetings of the NSSA Board of Directors and other functioning groups will be held there.

Delegates who arrive early will enjoy a leisurely drive through the beautiful residential section of the host city. Visitors have remarked that nowhere else in America have they seen so many streets of beautiful residences. Municipal golf courses and several privately owned courses add to both the recreational facilities and scenic beauty of the city. There are three country clubs—Wakonda, Hyperion and the Golf and Country. The Des Moines River front has been landscaped and set out as a Civic Center. On one side are the City Hall, the Municipal Court Building, Memorial Armory and the Federal Court Building. On the opposite side of the river are the Post Office and Library. Parks comprise more than fourteen hundred acres.

Des Moines is the ideal convention city—large enough to provide all the facilities and services required by a convening organization and small enough to extend the hand of hospitality to all its visitors. When that "hand of hospitality" is a Christian hand of fellowship extended to "brethren of like mind and faith," and when both local and national convention committees have striven earnestly to provide both physical and spiritual "provender" of the finest type—a convention that "has everything" is assured.

More than seventy of the 220 churches in the city of Des Moines are cooperating in putting on the National Sunday School Convention. Several of these are strong evangelical churches in the three hundred to six hundred class, such as Grace Baptist, Union Park Baptist, Highland Park Free, First Covenant, First Church of the Open Bible, First Federated, First Pilgrim, and First Assembly of God. Aiding in every way possible are such evangelical organizations as Youth for Christ, Child Evangelism, Gideons, and High School Bible Clubs. Twelve committees are charged with the responsibility of setting up the convention, supplemented by about two hundred lay people and pastors—all of whom are working harmoniously together toward making the coming Sunday School Convention one of the finest ever held on the North American Continent. Rev. Ralph Erickson of the First Cove-

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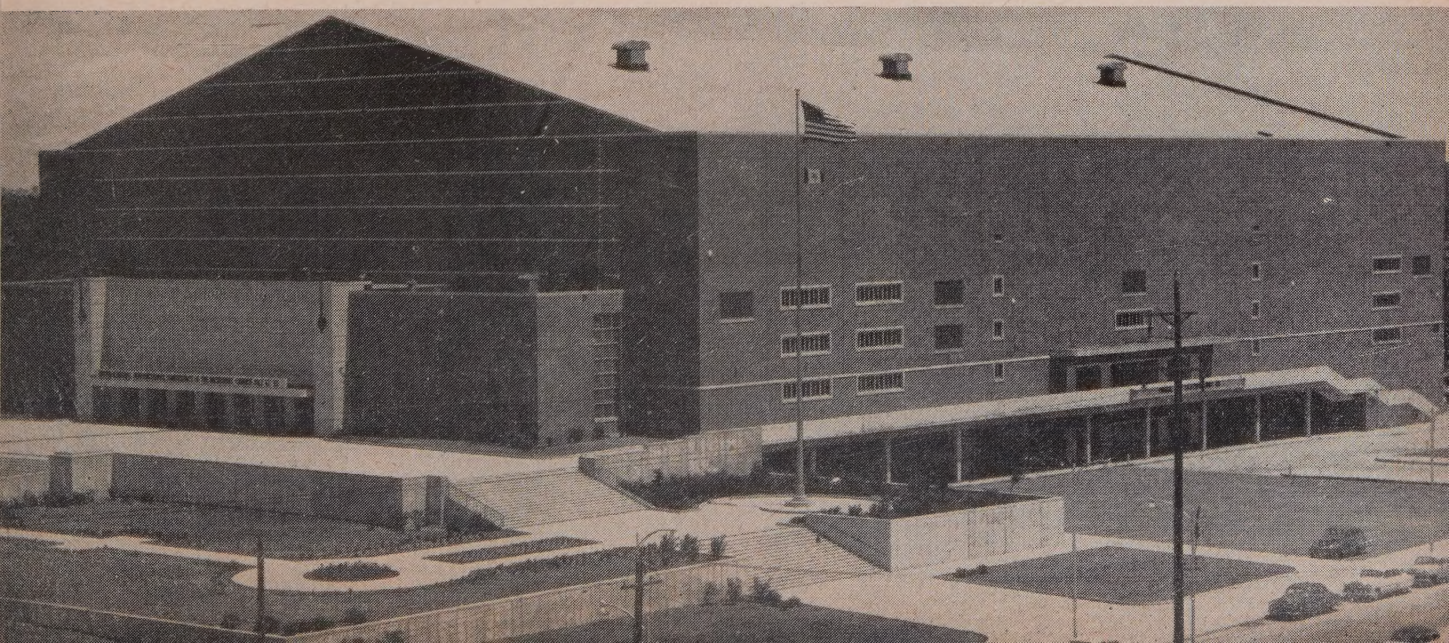

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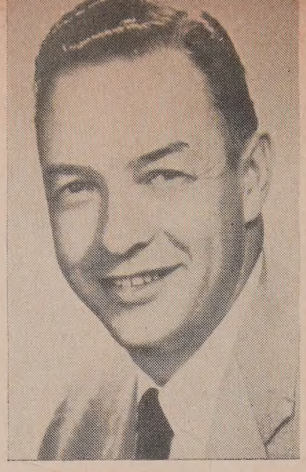

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THE DES MOINES PROGRAM

A Feast of Good Things for Sunday School Workers

Monday

9:00 a.m. Commission on Camping
9:30 a.m. NSSA Board of Directors
1:30 p.m. Commission on Research and Christian Education
7:00 p.m. NAE Executive Committee

Tuesday

9:00 a.m. NSSA General Council
Commission on Camping
Commission on Youth
NAE Board of Administration
Commission on Research and Christian Education
6:30 p.m. NSSA General Council and Commission Annual Banquet

Wednesday

7:30 a.m. NSSA Personnel Breakfast
9:00 a.m. Commission on Camping
NAE Board of Administration
Evangelical Teacher Training Association Board of Directors Meeting
10:00 a.m. Registration
10:30 a.m. Exhibits open
1:15 p.m. Convention opens. Presidential address by Dr. Edward Simpson, "Great Day for the Race."
2:30 p.m. Presentation of conference leaders
3:00 p.m. **Institutes**

Nursery ---------- Miss Mavis Anderson
Beginner ---------- Mrs. Bert Webb
Primary ---------- Dr. Frances Simpson
Junior ---------- Mr. William Greig, Jr.
Junior High ---------- Rev. Dean A. Dalton
High School ---------- Rev. Edward Hayes
Young People ---------- Rev. Gerald Wilson
Adult ---------- Rev. C. Leslie Miller
Sunday School Superintendent ---------- Rev. Howard G. Hendricks
Graded Choirs ---------- Mr. James Brewer
Bible Customs and Manners ---------- Rev. Norman S. Townsend

Workshops

Youth Director ---------- Rev. Gunnar Hoglund
Drama ---------- Miss Marjorie E. Soderholm
Evangelism ---------- Dr. Norman Jerome
Reaching and Holding Men ---------- Rev. Willard Crunkilton
Boys' Clubs ---------- Rev. Joseph B. Bubar
Girls' Clubs ---------- Miss Joy Mackay
How to Make and Use Visual Aids ---------- Mr. Carl Lindgren
Teaching Techniques—Children ---------- Dr. Mary LeBar
Equipment and Facilities for S. S. ---------- Rev. Robert Bear
The Small Sunday School ---------- Rev. William Jones

4:30 p.m. Exhibits
6:30 p.m. **Institutes**

Camping ---------- Mr. Harvey Chrouser
How to Introduce a Training Program ---------- Dr. Edward Simpson, Chairman
Director of Christian Education ---------- Dr. David C. Needham
Song Leading ---------- Rev. Donald Brandt
How to Study the Bible ---------- Rev. Charles G. Schauffele

Workshops

The Pastor and the Sunday School ---------- Dr. William J. Sweeting
How to Motivate Children to Study ---------- Miss Eunice Fischer
Discipline ---------- Rev. Royal S. Nelson
Handcraft (R) ---------- Mr. Don Fellows
Visual Aids—Non-Projected ---------- Mr. Gene Getz
Remodeling Church Facilities ---------- Rev. Joseph H. Kimbel
Missionary Education for Youth and Adults ---------- Rev. George McCune
Story Telling (R) ---- Rev. and Mrs. Karl Bunkley
Music in the Sunday School ---------- Dr. Edwin J. Potts

7:45 p.m. Evening Session—message by Rev. Howard G. Hendricks
9:30 p.m. Exhibits

Thursday

9:00 a.m. Devotional chalk demonstration by Rev. Ding Teuling
9:30 a.m. Message by Rev. Bert Webb, "Time to Move."
10:05 a.m. Presentation of conference leaders
10:30 a.m. **Institutes**

Nursery ---------- Miss Mavis Anderson
Primary ---------- Dr. Frances Simpson
Junior High ---------- Rev. Dean A. Dalton
Young People ---------- Rev. Gerald Wilson
How to Introduce a Training Program ------ Dr. Edward Simpson, Chairman
Sunday School Superintendent -------- Rev. Howard G. Hendricks
How to Study The Bible ---------- Rev. Charles G. Schauffele

Workshops

Canvassing and Visitation ---------- Rev. Charles W. Denton
Visual Aids—Projected ---------- Dr. Clarence E. Fast
Home Department ---------- Miss Marjorie Ford
The Pastor and the Sunday School (R) -------- Rev. William Sweeting
Workers' Conference (R) ---- Rev. Cyrus N. Nelson
Laws of Teaching ---------- Rev. Harold H. Etling
Handcraft (R) ---------- Mr. Don Fellows
Characteristics of Children ---------- Miss Elzina Oakberg
Lesson Preparation—Youth and Adults ---------- Dr. Edwin J. Potts
Curriculum Building ---------- Dr. Lois LeBar
Temperance ---------- Mr. James B. Scully
Beginner ---------- Mrs. Bert Webb
Junior ---------- Mr. William Greig, Jr.
Adults ---------- Rev. C. Leslie Miller

1:25 p.m. Afternoon Session
1:40 p.m. Visual Demonstration, "Train up a Child"
2:30 p.m. Presentation of Conference Leaders

3:00 p.m. **Institutes**

Beginner ---------- Mrs. Bert Webb
Junior ---------- Mr. William Greig, Jr.
High School ---------- Rev. Edward Hayes
Adults ---------- Rev. C. Leslie Miller
How to Introduce a Training Program -------- Dr. Edward Simpson, Chairman
Graded Choirs ---------- Mr. James W. Brewer
Bible Customs and Manners -------- Rev. Norman S. Townsend
Director of Christian Education ------ Rev. David C. Needham
Planning a Sunday School Convention -------- Dr. Clate A. Risley, Chairman

Workshops

Planning the Year and Years Ahead ---------- Miss Winona Walworth
Attendance Building Techniques ---------- Mr. James V. Hummel
Counseling ---------- Dr. Robert Cook
Cradle Roll Department ---------- Miss Mary E. Bennett
Publicizing the Sunday School ---------- Mr. Salem Kirban
Teaching Techniques with Chalk ---------- Rev. Ding Teuling
Special Days in the Sunday School -------- Rev. Leonard G. Wymore
Building the Educational Unit -------- Rev. Joseph H. Kimbel
Lesson Preparation—Children's Teachers ---- Mrs. Lowry E. McKeown
How to Motivate Youth and Adults to Study ---------- Rev. Jack Bradford
Primary Church ---------- Miss Lois McKinney
Junior Church ---------- Mrs. Lillie Riffel

4:30 p.m. Exhibits

6:30 p.m. **Institutes**

Camping ---------- Mr. Graham Tinning
Bible Geography ---------- Rev. Ralph Harris
Song Leading ---------- Rev. Don Brandt
Sunday School Superintendent ------ Rev. Howard G. Hendricks
Bible Customs and Manners ---------- Rev. Norman S. Townsend
Sunday Evening Youth Program ---------- Mr. George Santa
How to Study the Bible ---------- Rev. Charles G. Schauffele
How to Study the Bible ---------- Dr. Merrill C. Tenney

Workshops

Characteristics of Youth and Adults ---------- Dr. Ted Engstrom
Departmental Superintendent—Children ---------- Rev. Lawrence Swanson
Preparing Pupils for Church Membership -------- Rev. Ralph Neighbour
Recreation and Socials ---------- Mrs. Henry Jacobson
Sunday School Contests -------- Rev. Gerald Wilson
Sunday School and Church Library ---------- Mrs. Gwen Boyer

7:45 p.m. Evening Session—message by Dr. Clate A. Risley, "The Sunday School Takes a Look at the World."

9:30 p.m. Exhibits open

Friday

9:00 a.m. Devotional Chalk Demonstration by Rev. Ding Teuling

9:30 a.m. Message by Rev. Stewart L. Boehmer, "The More Excellent Way of Sunday School Teaching."

10:05 a.m. Presentation of Conference Leaders

10:30 a.m. **Institutes**

Nursery ---------- Miss Mavis Anderson
Primary ---------- Dr. Frances Simpson
Junior High ---------- Rev. Dean A. Dalton
Young People ---------- Rev. Gerald Wilson
Director of Christian Education ------ Rev. David C. Needham
Bible Geography ---------- Rev. Ralph Harris
Sunday Evening Youth Program ---------- Mr. George F. Santa
How to Study the Bible ---------- Dr. Merrill C. Tenney
Planning a Sunday School Convention -- Dr. Clate A. Risley, Chairman

Workshops

Planning Opening Assemblies—Children ---------- Mrs. Grace Hollinger
Training Teachers and Other Leaders ---------- Rev. Herbert H. Hazzard
How to Departmentalize ---------- Rev. Harold Garner
Planning Opening Assemblies—Youth and Adults -------- Rev. Sherman Williams
Selecting and Using Take-Home Materials ------ Rev. Lloyd H. Knox, Chairman
Sunday School Superintendent ------ Rev. Howard G. Hendricks
Ushering in Sunday School and Church ---------- Dr. Leslie Parrott
Planning Profitable Pre-Sessions ---------- Miss Eva Cornelius
Starting Branch Sunday Schools ---------- Rev. J. Clair Peters

12:00 noon Exhibits

1:25 p.m. Afternoon Session

1:35 p.m. Question and Answer

2:30 p.m. Presentation of conference leaders

3:00 p.m. **Institutes**

Beginner ---------- Mrs. Bert Webb
Junior ---------- Mr. William Greig, Jr.
High School ---------- Rev. Edward Hayes
Adults ---------- Rev. C. Leslie Miller
Graded Choirs ---------- Mr. James W. Brewer
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Workshops

Primary ---------- Dr. Frances Simpson
Junior High ---------- Rev. Dean A. Dalton
Nursery ---------- Miss Mavis Anderson
Departmental Superintendent Youth and Adults ---------- Rev. O. W. Polen
Sunday School Standards ---------- Rev. D. Kenneth Reisinger
Memory Work ---------- Rev. Lowell Young
Reaching the Home ---------- Mr. Henry Jacobson
Board of Christian Education -------- Rev. Harold Garner, Chairman
How to Lead a Discussion ---------- Rev. Warren Filkin

4:30 p.m. Exhibits

6:30 p.m. **Institutes**

Camping ---------- Rev. Lee Kingsley
Song Leading ---------- Rev. Don Brandt
How to Study the Bible ---------- Dr. Merrill C. Tenney

Workshops

High School ---------- Rev. Edward Hayes
Young People ---------- Rev. Gerald Wilson
Missionary Education—Children ---------- Mrs. Leslie Parrott
Director of Christian Education ------ Rev. David C. Needham
Scouting in Evangelical Churches ---------- Rev. Gunnar Hoglund
Workers' Conference -------- Rev. Cyrus N. Nelson
The Role of the Pastor's Wife ---------- Mrs. Lowry E. McKeown
Public Relations in the Sunday School ---------- Mr. Salem Kirban
Reaching Catholic Friends with the Gospel ------ Rev. Charles A. Cook, Jr.
Pastoral Pre-Marital Counseling ---------- Rev. Howard G. Hendricks

7:45 p.m. Evening Session—message by The Hon. Mark O. Hatfield, "Inner Values for an Outer Space Age."

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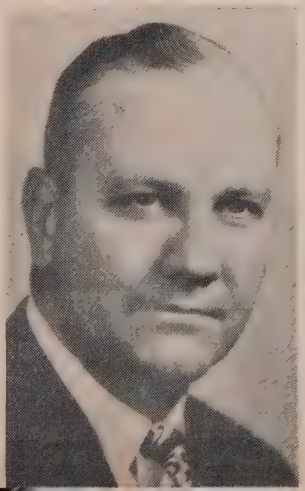

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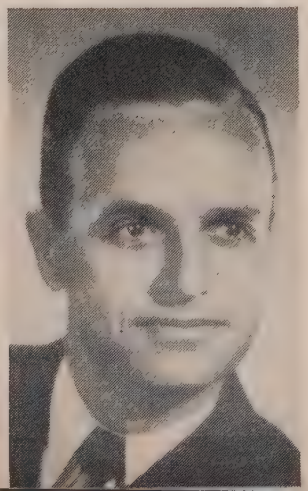

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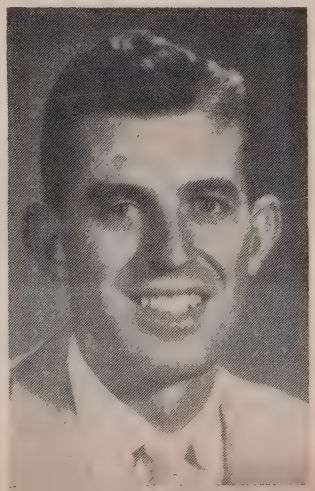

PURPOSE, PATTERN AND PROGRAM OF CHURCH SCHOOL

By H. W. BYRNE
Dean of Education, Fort Wayne Bible College

THE WORD OF GOD reveals the foundations for all our work in the church and Sunday School. Christian education is a part of God's program for His church. We can find the *Purpose, Pattern,* and *Program* for Christian education revealed in the Holy Word.

Purpose

In order to ascertain the purpose of Christian education, it is necessary to know exactly what it is. A number of years ago President Brown, of Denni-son College, commented on what Christian education is *not*. Among other things, he said that Christian education is *not* secular education with a fringe of pious words; it is *not* religious education with a politely frigid bow to secular scholarship; it is *not* secular education with an occasional hypodermic of theology; *nor* is it character building activity with a diluted eyewash of history, English, etc. As one has facetiously observed *neither* is Christian education "a process by which material gets from the professor's notebook to the student's notebook without going through the head of either one."

What, then, *is* Christian education? It is education for the Christian, as the term implies. It is education about Christ, but it implies more than factual knowledge. It is also the kind of education which brings one to a knowledge of God and Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord, and to the living of a Christlike life. Perhaps the great Apostle Paul expressed the nature of true Christian education, by saying, "That I may know Him" (Phil. 3:10). The expression of that kind of education results in a peculiar kind of living, recorded for us in I Cor. 10:31, as, "whether, therefore, ye eat, ye drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God."

The purpose of Christian education is the purpose of Jesus Christ. Jesus expressed His great purpose in life in Luke 19:10, "The Son of Man is come to seek and to save that which was lost." This is no less our purpose. The purpose of Jesus is our purpose today.

We have an objective also. Paul expressed it in II Tim. 3:17, "That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." Our initial *purpose* is to seek and to save the lost; our great *objective* is the perfect man of God.

The early church, willing to assume the purpose of Jesus, was exhorted by the Lord to, "Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, *teaching* them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world" (Matt. 28:19, 20). The church was established by Jesus and is to be operated to carry out His will. Brethren, let us harness the great force of Christian education to realize the purpose of Jesus and the objective of Paul!

Pattern

Christian education not only has a purpose revealed in the Word of God, but the Word also provided the pattern by which we are to build. If we follow the pattern, our program will not fail. The early church developed that pattern. Under the leadership of the Holy Spirit as the Divine Superintendent of the Church, the early Church saw that four functions were inherently essential in carrying out the purpose of Jesus and in realizing the objective of Paul. These four functions are recorded for us in Acts 2:41, 42. "Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls (vs. 41). And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers" (vs. 42).

1. Evangelism—vs. 41, "3,000 souls"
2. Education—vs. 42, "apostles doctrine"
3. Enthusiasm—vs. 42, "fellowship"
4. Edification — (worship) — vs. 42, "breaking bread and prayer"

Program

Our responsibility in the local church is to take the purpose of Jesus, the objective of Paul, and follow the pattern of the early church in building the program of Christian education in the local church.

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USE THEM, THEY'RE GOD-GIVEN

Making Use of Visual Aids

By PAUL G. KIEHL
Editor, Helps for the Month

"Go . . . preach . . . teach"—this is the great command given by Christ to every Christian. From this command flows the basic purpose and program of the Christian church.

Down through the centuries God has not forgotten His command nor His Christians who are charged to carry it out. For each age He has always provided the necessary means and tools.

For the early Christian church, God provided a common world language. He used the Roman Empire to develop a highway and sea route system, excellent for its day. From Jerusalem outward to the ends of the then-known world, the apostles were able to preach and teach the Gospel.

At the end of the dark and sleepy Middle Ages, God provided a Gutenberg to invent movable type. The printing press with its magic of multiplying copies rapidly was ready for Luther when he opened the Bible to the common man and pointed to Christ as the only Savior.

Since the days of Paul and Luther, the Christian church has had the benefits of improved transportation and printing facilities. The car, the train, the airplane are all being widely used to speed the Word of God to the far corners of the earth. High-speed printing presses, multi-color presses, the simple typewriter and mimeograph have likewise been put into the service of world-wide witnessing.

For our day, God has provided the special teaching tools needed for a special age. Ever since the turn of the century, God has permitted the development of communication media for the express purpose of helping His Christians to carry out His command in an age that is complicated, confused, complacent yet unusually advanced in living standards.

Probably most widely used by the church is the radio. With its ability to reach out across space, land and water barriers, the radio is doing much to tell the good news of salvation in Christ to all the world. Television with its magic of bringing picture and sound into the living room offers far-reaching new challenges to the Christian. A beginning has been made—much still needs to be done to preach and teach Christ Crucified through this marvelous medium.

But, for the local church, for the local pastor and the local Sunday School teacher, God has permitted man to develop a whole kit full of new and powerful teaching tools. We call them audio-visual aids and include in them the slide, the filmstrip, the motion picture, the tape recorder, the record player. While radio and television are used to reach out to the masses, audio-visual materials are to help the local church to consolidate the gains, to train and to teach the children, youth and adults placed in its care.

Much has been written and much has been said about the power of the projected picture. Hardly anyone questions the ability of the picture to tell and teach. For the most part, picture-power is taken for granted. In fact, so much so, that like the men in the parable of the vineyard, picture teaching tools go begging for someone to use them in building God's kingdom.

Industry is making unprecedented use of picture-power in its training and sales programs. Slides, filmstrips, motion pictures, three-dimensional pictures, tape records, record players are being used as never before to produce and sell goods and services. Our government is using the same picture-power to tell its story and to train its manpower. The public school systems annually spend millions to harness picture-power for training the children and youth of our country in human knowledge and understanding.

What about the Christian church? What about the local church, the local pastor, the local teachers? What are they doing about using the God-given audio-visual teaching aids in the teaching program of the church? What is

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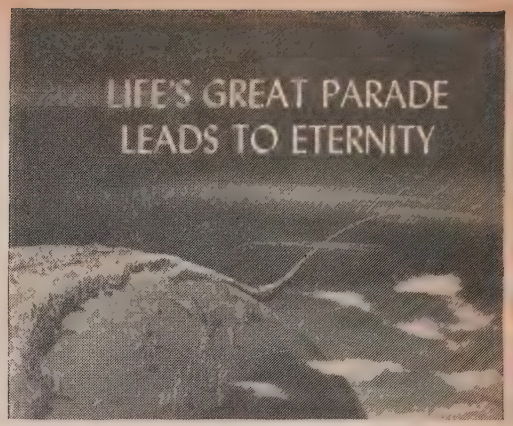

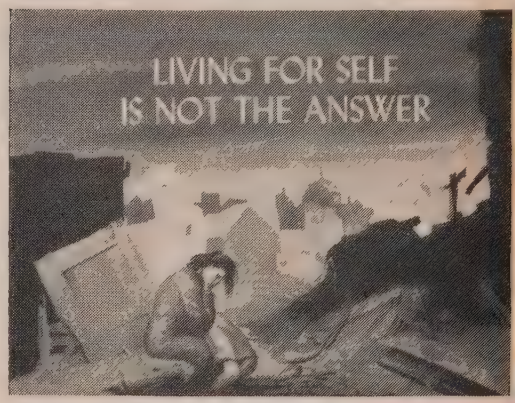

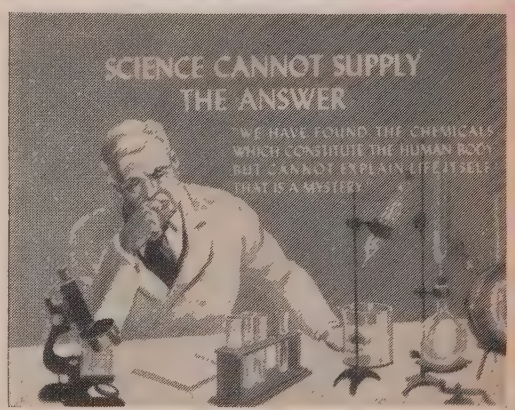

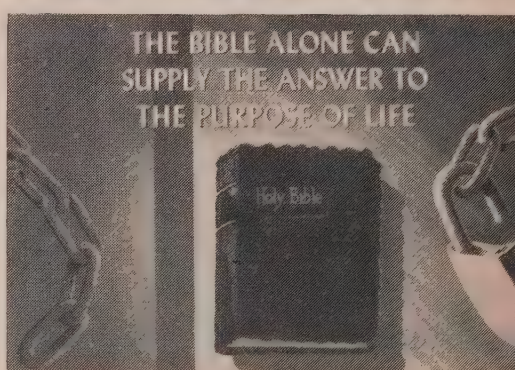

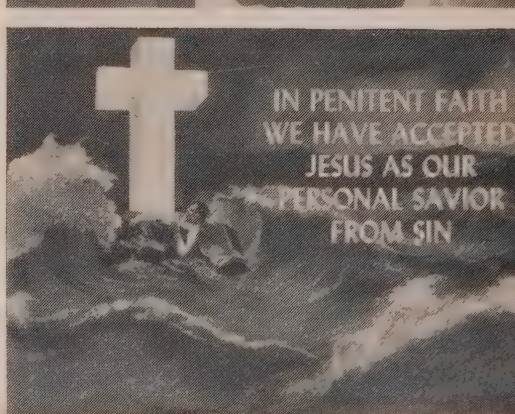

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DES MOINES COMMITTEE NATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

Seated: *Left to right,* Mrs. Virgil Curtis—Nursery; Rev. Clayton Bolinder, Vice President; Miss Helen Phillips, Secretary; Rev. Ralph L. Erickson, Chairman; Dr. Clate A. Risley, NSSA Executive Secretary; Miss Emily Thompson,, Registration. Standing: *Left to right,* Rev. H. E. Goldsboro, Prayer; Mr. John Englund, Ushers; Mr. Wallace Lundgren, Parade; Rev. Levi Olson, Prayer; Rev. Stanton Johnson, Publicity; Dr. Edwin J. Potts, NSSA Editorial Assistant; Rev. Milton Sunman, Rally; Mr. Iver Erickson, Finance.

the individual Christian doing towards using the slide, the filmstrip, the motion picture, the tape recorder, the record player to carry out Christ's command to "go . . . preach . . . teach?"

No one will deny that the Christian church is not doing what it should in using the God-given audio-visual teaching tools. While it is quite impressive to read reports on the number of projectors and screens owned by churches, it remains a sad fact that by far most churches make little or no use of the projected picture. Most pastors have had little or no training in *how* to use picture-power in the program of the church. Very few teachers have had the advantage of training in using projected pictures in their Sunday school teaching.

Why? Why hasn't the Christian church with the greatest of all missions and most important of all purposes not done more with the tools God has given it for this day and age? What can the Christian church do to use audio-visual aids as they can and should be used for carrying out Christ's command to "go . . . preach . . . teach?"

First, there must be freedom from fear, fear of using something new and different from that used in times past for teaching and preaching the gospel of Christ. Encouraging progress is being made in the use of radio and television, both mass evangelizing media, but in the area of teaching in the local church, fear of the new still presents quite a problem.

Second there must be more positive thinking and more positive action. It is not too long ago that many churches and their members felt that the projected picture was from the devil and should not be used by the church because the projected picture was misused by the world for evil. This kind of reasoning completely overlooked the fact that the printing press so widely used by the church for good is even more widely being used by the world for evil.

There must be a growing, deep conviction that God has given the projected picture to man for the express purpose of helping His church and His Christians carry out His great command. Nothing much will happen when there is but a half-hearted agreement that the projected picture is a God-given tool to help the church meet the challenge of today.

Once there is conviction that slides, filmstrips, motion pictures, tape recorders and record players are God-given for the church to use, aggressive steps must be taken to put the power of the projected picture to work. There is far too much complacency at both the national and local church level that what has been done or is being done today is good enough. Christ's command was to "teach," and, to this end, national and local church leadership should bend every effort to use the best of tools for the best possible job for Christ.

Writers of Sunday school lessons should be instructed to become better acquainted with teaching methods using projected pictures. Steps should be taken by the editors to integrate and correlate available audio-visual teaching tools with suggested lessons in the teachers' quarterlies. Where no projected pictures are available, the editors should encourage production of suitable audio-visual materials.

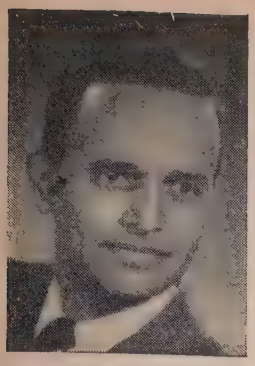
Local pastors and local teachers should be given opportunity for training in the use of the projected picture in the local church program. Because of the lack of training and lack of experience, much of the use of audio-visual materials today is still in the "play stage." We cannot expect local pastors and teachers to do the right kind of job if they do not receive training and encouragement.

National and local church budgets should be set up which recognize the value of the projected picture in the great work of the church. Very few churches have a regular audio-visual aids budget, and many of these budgets are totally inadequate for the purpose intended.

Colleges and seminaries training pastors, directors of Christian education and teachers, should introduce courses dealing specifically with the application of audio-visual teaching materials to the church program. Professors and instructors in the seminaries should make use of audio-visual teaching tools in their classes. In so doing, local church leadership now in training would be equipped by instruction and experience to help put picture-power to work for the Lord.

Lack of time to develop proper use of audio-visual materials in the church is hardly a valid excuse. If it is true that the Christian church has the greatest of all missions and the most important of all purposes, then certainly every God-given teaching tool should be brought into the service of the Christian church.

If it is true that God down through the centuries has provided the necessary means of communication to help His church carry out His command, then the power of the projected picture should be put to the best possible use by the Christian church in preaching and teaching "all things whatsoever He has commanded."



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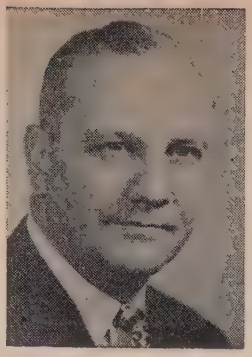

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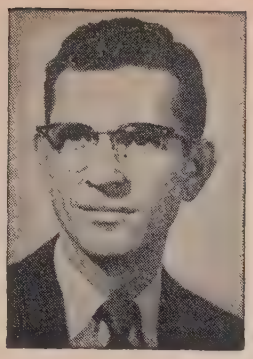

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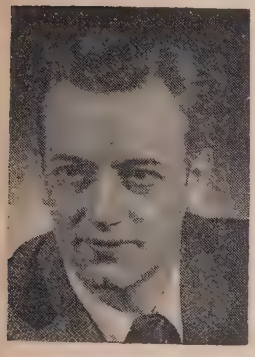

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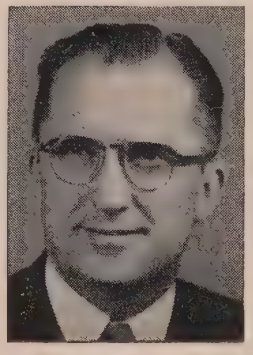

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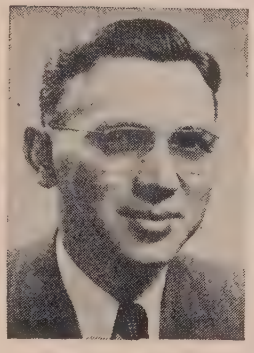

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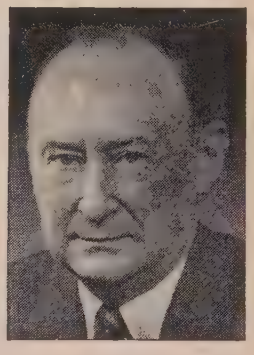

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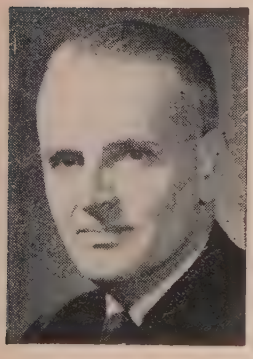

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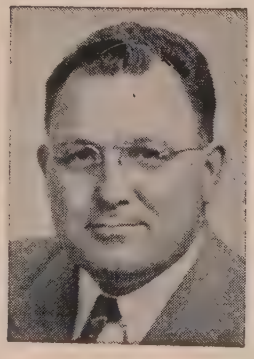

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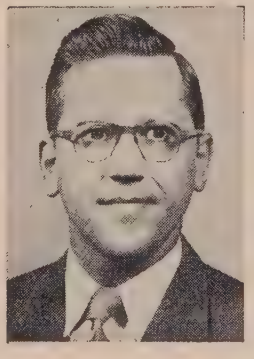

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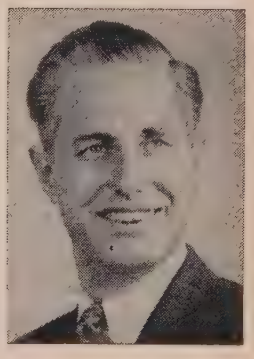

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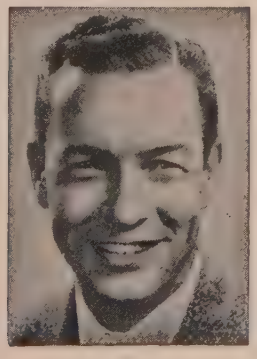

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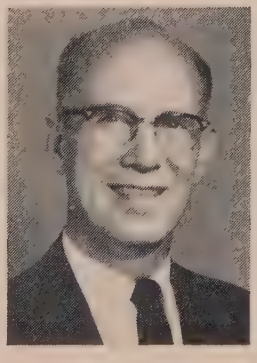

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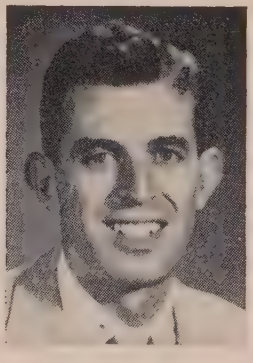

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Action Editorial

James DeForest Murch

Valedictory

▪ WITH THIS ISSUE of United Evangelical Action magazine I shall end a most happy and rewarding editorial relationship with the National Association of Evangelicals. For fourteen years it has been my privilege to give voice to evangelical thought covering a wide range of subjects and to give aid and guidance in the development of the Association and the evangelical movement of which it is a part.

I wish to thank all those who have given advice both critical and commendatory and who have cooperated so helpfully in my work.

As I go to Washington, D.C., to assume my new duties as managing editor of *Christianity Today,* I shall carry with me many precious memories of fellowship and service. I am still of the same fundamental convictions which have been reflected in my editorials and other writings through the years. I am still as warm a friend of the NAE as I was in its beginning days and I shall pray constantly that God will continue to guide and bless the Association in all its undertakings according to His will.

We are living in a day with all the basic factors of life conditioned to the growth and welfare of the evangelical cause. There is not a day that passes without thousands of unheralded conversions from the ranks of liberalism to biblical Christianity. A tremendous burden of responsibility rests on our evangelical leadership. We must increasingly be in close touch with the living Christ and loyal to the revelation of the Word of Life.

It is important that we keep wide awake to all the trends in the life of our jet age and realize that new approaches, strategies and emphases must be used to advance the cause we love. Christ is "the same yesterday, today and forever." Truth—if it *was* truth, *is* truth and *will be* truth. God's plan of salvation is immutable. The true Church is indestructible. Our chief enemy is the same old Satan. Sin is still unregenerate man's inherent stumbling-block. But if we study the history of the Church for some two thousand years we shall discover that in a changing world it has thrived only when it has met new situations with new and effective tactics.

We evangelicals need to accept all the valid discoveries and worthwhile advances of our modern life and to think, plan and act accordingly. We need to abandon old non-biblical concepts which are *passe,* our isolationisms, our provincialisms and traditionalisms which might keep us from achieving the will of God for our time. We must live effectively in a bigger, wider world than we or our fathers have ever known. We must not condemn sincere thinking, growing men who may not yet see perfectly all the great truths of God. We must be willing to meet with them, talk and pray with them and help them to the only satisfying faith. We need always to examine ourselves, not only to determine whether we are in this faith, but to see that we are not guilty of self-righteousness and pride. We need to rise above all organizations of men in a bigger, broader fellowship in the universal Church of God. We need to mobilize all our evangelical endowments—and the Lord has richly blessed us!—for a movement of such proportions that God can take it and use it in these last days to the accomplishment of His ultimate purposes.

I have complete confidence in the present leadership of the National Association of Evangelicals. They are loyal to "the faith once delivered unto the Saints." They are wisely administering the agencies which are so effectively serving evangelicals in every sphere of inter-church life. They live close to the Lord and are continually seeking the guidance of the Holy Spirit. They have an ever-enlarging vision of the service the NAE must render in the days ahead. I bespeak for them the wholehearted co-operation and generous support of our readers in the task which is our common obligation. God has richly blessed us in the past fifteen years of our history. If we stay close to Him and His Word, and are willing to be used of Him in the achievement of His purpose we cannot fail.

There is much more upon my heart that I would share with you, but space limitations will not allow. "May the God of peace . . . make us perfect in every good work to do His will, working in us that which is wellpleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen."

Important Announcement

With this number United Evangelical Action magazine becomes a monthly publication and the Cincinnati office will be coordinated with the NAE headquarters at Wheaton, Illinois. The September 15 issue is combined with the October number. Enlarged issues will permit a more complete coverage of the significant work of the National Association of Evangelicals and its affiliated agencies as well as a better reflection of news and issues of special interest to evangelicals. Further steps designed to serve our constituency will be announced within the next few months. It is our purpose to make Action magazine more important to its subscribers than ever before.

George L. Ford, Executive Director
National Association of Evangelicals

Observe "NAE Sunday"

▪ EVANGELICAL CHURCHES throughout America will observe October 26 as "NAE Sunday." The theme will be "Serving You and Your Church," and emphasis will be placed on the services provided evangelicals by the National Association of Evangelicals for the past fifteen years.

The special day observance will stress the growth and development of the NAE since its inception in 1942. Attention will be called to the fact that the NAE has stayed true to its aim of providing spiritual unity without organizational union and spiritual fellowship without ecclesiastical domination.

The NAE has grown considerably in its field of service. Starting from seven proposed activity areas at the founding convention, the NAE at the present time provides services for evangelicals extending into nearly twenty areas.

Churches planning to observe "NAE Sunday" should write to their regional NAE office or the headquarters office in Wheaton, Illinois, for free material including bulletin covers or inserts, descriptive folders, offering envelopes and a pastor's handbook of information.

A Progressive Program for Christian Education

■ THE LARGEST inter-church Sunday School gatherings in America these days are held under the auspices of the rapidly growing National Sunday School Association, an affiliate of the National Association of Evangelicals. The coming Des Moines convention inspires us to make some observations on this encouraging phenomenon.

Appearing on the Sunday School scene at a time of serious declension in the International Council of Religious Education, the NSSA called for the "Revitalization of the American Sunday School." Three chief emphases marked this revival movement: (1) The restoration of the Holy Scriptures as central in curriculum and the whole educational process; (2) The restoration of evangelism as a major goal of the Sunday School; and (3) The restoration of spiritual power as the vital factor in its program and life. We have frequently editorialized on this contribution the NSSA has made in the past twelve years of its history.

The impact of this movement has been felt far and wide in the churches and has been a decided factor in stemming the tide of liberalism in the ICRE and its successor agency, The Commission on General Christian Education of the National Council of Churches.

The NCC program of Christian Education in the local church, despite some noticeable improvements, still is gravely lacking in a strong, clear testimony and program in the evangelical biblical tradition. It is predicated on a basically humanistic philosophy of education. It fails to emphasize the centrality of the Bible in the educational process. It tends to encourage professionalism, mere techniques, social projects and formalism in religion at the expense of the vital spiritual nature of Christian education. It is almost devoid of evangelistic emphasis, substituting therefor socialistic goals such as "the building of a better world," world peace and international government. As long as this basically unbiblical policy persists there will be a need for the National Sunday School Association.

The NSSA has a great future of service ahead if it "keeps the faith" and continues to grow. This growth must be more than numerical. It must meet the growing needs of the churches in the field of Christian education. Some NSSA leaders are aware of the enlarging horizons of our modern world which call for new strategies in depth and in breadth if our evangelical churches are to continue to challenge and serve the new atomic age. Some are not aware and need to be made aware, lest they become hindrances to progress.

Basic to a progressive NSSA program is a restatement of the evangelical philosophy of Christian education as it pertains to the local church. An attempt is being made through the Commission on Christian Education set up in Detroit to do the necessary research and study for such a pronouncement. The group is composed of professors of Christian Education in Bible institutes and colleges. They have been severely handicapped by lack of funds. Broad-visioned publishers of evangelical literature, who best stand to benefit financially from such a project, should combine to underwrite the work of the Commission and speed the accomplishment of its purpose.

Once this restatement of philosophy is published and its application in terms of educational methodology is spelled out, the NSSA should work cooperatively with the evangelical publishers to produce an entirely new literature of books and pamphlets for our Bible institutes and colleges and for the Christian education leadership in the local churches. It must be painfully admitted that evangelicals have not been able to produce a comprehensive modern literature in this field which can measure up to the high technical standards set by the National Council of Churches and its constituent bodies. This situation must be corrected—*and soon!*

Simultaneously the NSSA needs to strengthen and enlarge its service program through the activation of the Commissions provided for in its Constitution. Specialists in all phases of the Sunday School program are available. Here again, financial considerations are the chief obstacle to progress. The potential of the resources available in our evangelical constituency has not been tapped. Evangelicals have a conscience on evangelism and missions and give for these causes until it hurts, but they somehow fail to realize that Christ was not only Lord and Saviour but He was Master Teacher and that His Great Commission links evangelism and education inseparably as the means of winning the world to Him. Once evangelicals get a conscience on giving for education they will generously support such projects as we are discussing. But we cannot wait. The time is short. Possibly wealthy foundations which see the dangers of juvenile delinquency and the moral sag in our national life can be persuaded to furnish the funds for immediate action in this area of the NSSA's program.

Possibly the greatest long range need for growth is in the deepening and broadening of the educational program in our local churches. Basically we need consecrated, well-trained and broad-visioned teachers and leaders, backed by pastors and church boards who "know the score" in Christian education. The one-hour Sunday morning session with its limited curriculum needs to be expanded by Sunday evening classes, week-day and night classes, summer day schools and all sorts of projects which will apply Christian teaching to life. To provide adequate facilities for such a program the churches must construct education buildings as large or larger than their sanctuaries and in a high degree comparable to the public school buildings provided by the community for secular education. The present woeful lack of adequate educational facilities provided by our churches is a tacit admission to the community that we do not consider the religious education of our children and adults as important as the secular. We have been "playing Sunday School" long enough. It is long past time for Christian leaders to correct conditions and to actively encourage a program to match the atomic age in which we now live. The NSSA is the organization which evangelicals must look to for goals and guidance. What is being done about it?

We write in no critical vein of the NSSA. We have every confidence in its leadership which should be wholeheartedly supported by all evangelicals throughout the nation. We seek only to encourage a greater and more effective educational ministry through this splendid organization in the days ahead. May the NSSA go from victory to victory in the task to which we believe it has been divinely called.

Purpose, Pattern

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Evangelism. According to the purpose and the pattern, our first and great responsibility is evangelism. Yes, evangelism in the Sunday School! Too long have we thought of the Sunday School as a mere "informational" agency. It can be and is a great evangelistic agency. The supreme purpose of all officers, teachers, and workers in the Sunday School should be the winning of souls—of children, youth and adults. Children can be won to Christ at an early age. Let us have a revival in the Sunday School!

The pasor and Sunday School superintendent are responsible for promoting an evangelistic program in the Sunday School. Careful plans should be laid to win every scholar to Christ, to train officers and teachers to be evangelistic, and to reach out for new prospects. Evangelism should be kept central in the work of the Sunday School. Prayer lists should be formed, visitation programs planned, and absentees followed up. Let us be thorough in our work to evangelize. "And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved."

Education. "And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine" (vs.42). You can't do this without a school situation. Instruction is needed. Education is the second major function of the program.

It is one thing to save a soul; it is another thing (to keep him in the faith), to build him up in the faith, to develop Christian character, and provide a place of service in the kingdom. A soul, once saved, needs to be nourished, fed, enlightened, and given a place of service. This can be realized through effective and efficient instruction.

Just as it is logical for the pastor to direct evangelism, so it devolves naturally upon the general superintendent to direct the instructional phase of the program. The pastor, however, is the general supervisor of the total program and works closely with the general superintendent in all phases of his work, guiding, advising, and providing general assistance. Care should be taken, however, to see that evangelism is not held separate from the educational phase. The two go together.

Enthusiasm. "Fellowship" (vs. 42). Social life and fellowship are vital factors in the church program. This is a neglected area. As above, here is a strategic place of service for one person to direct the social life and fellowship affairs of the church. Fellowship and social life activities should be made a part of the curriculum and correlated with other activities to provide a dynamically spiritual program.

Edification. (Worship). "Breaking of bread and prayers" (vs. 42). Worship and prayer are vital elements of the local church program. Much study and great care should be given to planning worship. To provide a deeply spiritual atmosphere, and yet avoid ritualism and formalism, is a big job. The importance of prayer cannot be overemphasized. As we pray, so we evangelize, instruct, and build the program.

Sunday School workers everywhere need to become aware of the purpose, follow the pattern, and build a dynamic program of Christian education in each local church.

Des Moines Host

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nant Church is general chairman of the convention, assisted by Rev. Clayton Bolinder of the Union Park Baptist Church, with Miss Helen Phillips of the First Federated Church serving as secretary.

Sunday School teachers and workers and church leaders in every phase of Christian education work will congregate at Des Moines October 8-10 to participate in the most complete and varied program ever produced by the National Sunday School Association—is the word issued from the headquarters office by Dr. Clate A. Risley, NSSA's executive secretary.

Prior to opening of the convention, the NSSA and the Evangelical Camping Association will sponsor two days of special camping sessions—meeting in the Savery Hotel October 6 and 7. The program is geared especially for camp directors, program directors and site managers. Professional camping leaders will discuss problems like "How to feed campers economically," "How to set up a week's schedule," "How to train counselors in Bible study," and "What to do for evening camp programs." (There will be a registration fee of $1.00 for non-members of ECA.) The Camping commission will also sponsor an institute on camping during the NSSA convention. Mr. Harvey Chrouser of Wheaton College and Honey Rock Camp will lead one session on "The Philosophy of Christian Camping. Mr. Graham Tinning, secretary of Western Camping and Camp Association will direct a session on camp administration, and Rev. Lee Kingsley, Christian Education Director of the Minnesota Baptist General Conference, will discuss the camping program. Anyone interested in camping, or holding positions in camps will do well to attend both the pre-convention camping conference and the camping institute. The Camping commission will meet in business session Wednesday morning. Camp directors representing various types of camping endeavor and other camping personnel will participate in this meeting.

Two other NSSA commissions will conduct annual business meetings preceding the convention. The commission on Christian Education and Research will meet Monday and Tuesday. This commission is made up of professors of Christian education. Rev. Howard G. Hendricks, Dallas Theological Seminary, is president. The Youth commission will meet all day Tuesday. All commissions will meet in the convention headquarters hotel.

Included in the program plans for the convention itself are 165 one to three hour sessions to be conducted by 100 Sunday School leaders from across the nation who are authorities in Sunday School know-how.

New features which will heighten interest in the 1958 Convention Program include illuminated chalk drawings, visual demonstrations, and a unique question-and-answer session. Devotional chalk talks presented by Ding Teuling, popular chalk-artist-evangelist, will open each morning session of the NSSA convention. Mr. Teuling will illustrate the theme of the convention, "Millions for Christ . . . NOW," using breathtaking black light illumination.

Des Moines is "all set" to welcome Sunday School leaders and workers from all parts of the United States, Canada, and a number of foreign countries. The dates of October 8, 9 and 10 have been marked with large red circles on all the calendars. Joining in the welcoming plans are the national executive committee, the local convention committee, many hostelries and private homes, the convention hotel, and a large group of evangelicals in the area of the host city. Dr. Risley, national executive secretary, has predicted that the 1958 NSSA Convention "will exceed any single national convention with a wider geographical coverage than ever before." *You* can not afford to miss it! Buy your plane ticket, or make your railway reservations, or fill up the gasoline tank—but make your plans NOW to be in the capital city of the "tall corn" state for the greatest annual convention in the history of the National Sunday School Association. Your teachers, departmental superintendents and other workers in the church "back home" will be eternally grateful to you for bringing back to them enlarged vision of what they can do to win "Millions for Christ—NOW."

Action on Obscenity

The Congress went to work on two obscenity bills in the closing days of its session. The bill to allow prosecution for distribution of obscene materials where they are delivered by the mails was passed by the Senate, but with certain amendments which meant that it had to go to a conference committee to iron out the differences.

The Senate version would not allow prosecution of the sender of materials at points through which it passed while being carried to its destination by the Post Office Department. It would only allow the legal action in those jurisdictions where the material is actually received. The House version made it a continuing offense from point of delivery into the mails to the point of receipt.

Also the Senate version would have raised the penalties for persons sending obscene materials through the mails. However, the conference took the House version. For second offenders the penalty would be a maximum of $10,000 and 10 years imprisonment; for first offenders the maximum would be $5,000 and 5 years.

The Post Office Department stated "sympathetically" that it had no intention of prosecutions at intermediate points, but that it should be held a continuing offense while in the mails. It was reported in Washington that there was considerable pressure in the House to retain the provisions allowing prosecution at points on the intermediate mail routes. However, there was also some feeling that such provisions would not be so easily supported in the courts, and that it would be somewhat out of line with the thinking of the Supreme Court in the Roth decision which tended to set the standards of the community where the material is received as the basis of judgment.

Meanwhile, the House took quick action on another bill to close a loophole whereby certain publishers of pornographic materials can evade the law by getting a copyright or second class mailing privileges. Neither the Copyright Division nor the Library of Congress nor the Post Office Department is authorized to censor materials which are submitted to them for such approval. Nor is it thought feasible that they should be given such extensive powers. The effect of the bill would be to allow the Post Office to move in and impound certain mail addressed to the sender of the materials. In the case of many of these dealers in smut, such action would have the effect of cutting off their source of revenue, at least in part. It would thus allow the Post Office officials to catch up with the operators who make it a habit to change their address, and the name of their operators, as a matter of standard procedures.

Congressman John Dowdy of Texas, who originally authored both the above bills, is still unsatisfied that the laws providing for legal action in these cases are strong enough. Yet he wants to enact only such laws as can be justified, without endangering freedom of the press.

One member of a committee before which Mr. Dowdy was recently testifying put it bluntly: "Maybe I'm extreme," he said, "But I would like to put these operators completely out of business." Mr. Dowdy agreed and stated that he is preparing further legislation which he intends to bring before the next Congress.

Meanwhile, it was expected that the Congress would complete action on the two bills which are now in the process and then send them over to the White House for the Presidential signature.

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Marines and the Rosary

Dr. C. Stanley Lowell, associate director of Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State, has protested the participation of Marine color guard in a Living Rosary program in Detroit, Michigan. He said that such participation is contrary to the principle of separation of church and state.

According to a reply from military officials this type of procedure has been going on "for a number of years." However, the reply also stated that the members of the armed services participated "as individuals" and that there was no military formation involved. The Catholic chaplain asked for volunteers to participate in the parade, according to these officials.

A Detroit paper, however, printed a picture of the men in uniform under the caption "Rosary Color Guard." It stated that the "U. S. Marine color guard from the 5th Infantry Reserve Battalion, Detroit's own" led the parade. The color guard was followed by an honor guard including members of the Knights of Columbus, Knights of St. John, Knights of St. Peter Claver, the Order of the Alhambra and members of the Detroit Police and Fire Departments.

The use of uniforms to "add color" was, of course, quite true. But the statement that there was nothing "official" about the participation of the men in uniform seemed rather thin to many observers.

Missionary Bill Signed

The bill to provide for quicker naturalization of spouses and adopted who must leave the country was passed by the Senate and signed by the President. It will alleviate the situation of children of ministers and missionaries certain missionaries who have been hampered by the waiting period of several years which is ordinarily required by the naturalization laws.

The Washington Office of the NAE suggested the advisability of such legislation two years ago when several cases of this nature arose and involved particular hardship to certain missionaries. A bill was introduced this year by Congressman Walter Judd of Minnesota, who was a medical missionary long before he was a member of Congress. In the course of the journey through Congress another bill was substituted for Dr. Judd's, but the provisions were essentially the same.

Missionaries who serve overseas un-

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CHURCHMEN CONGRATULATE LEGISLATORS—Two of the nation's legislators were congratulated in Washington for their successful efforts in framing laws which will help to check obscenity. *Left to right*: Senator Estes Kefauver of Tennessee, Congressman John Dowdy of Texas, Dr. Clyde W. Taylor of the National Association of Evangelicals, Mr. Roger Burgess of the Methodist Board of Temperance and Rev. Barry Garrett of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs.

"The Flood and Noah's Ark." Andre Parrot. 76 pp. Philosophical Library. $2.75.

"The Tower of Babel." Andre Parrot. 75 pp. Philosophical Library. $2.75.

These small volumes constitute the first two in a series of studies in biblical archaeology. Mr. Andre Parrot is the distinguished French archaeologist of the Mari Archaeological Expedition (from 1933 on), Curator-in-Chief of the French Museums, and Professor at the School of the Louvre. In the first volume Parrot proceeds from a discussion of the literary sources underlying the flood narrative, in which he accepts without reservation the documentary analysis, to a consideration of the decipherment of the flood account in the cuneiform tablets made by George Smith. The Assyrian, Babylonian, and Sumerian versions of the flood story are given in summary form. His conclusion as to the origin of the biblical account is that it is the Israelite version of a Mesopotamian tradition (p. 44), revised by the biblical writers to bring it into keeping with monotheism. However, as has been shown repeatedly, there is no proof for this assertion, and it is contrary to known experience.

The writer discusses the views of those who believe they have found traces of the Noahic flood in Mesopotamia. His position is that these are traces of several inundations (p. 51), one of which was so exaggerated that it became the theme of the literary accounts. The suggestion of a tidal wave is viewed as a possibility (p. 53). Parrot finds it hard to imagine a boat of the dimensions given in the accounts, although it is conceded that the biblical data are nearer modern ideas of shipbuilding. Contrary to general opinion, the author finds a discrepancy in the different accounts as to the place the ark rested (pp. 61, 62). We have no knowledge of what finally became of the ark (p. 71). A helpful bibliography is appended. The author tries to avoid dogmatism, but is not successful.

Having carried on research in Mesopotamia for twenty years, Parrot is competent to discuss the Mesopotamian ziggurats with authority. His conclusion is that "The Tower of Babel was a *ziggurat*" (p. 57). Ziggurats were the staged towers of that land for the residence of their gods. His theological interpretation, however, of the Tower of Babel is both novel and unsatisfactory. He realizes it is both "bold and unorthodox." He says, "I had come to the conclusion that the Tower of the Scriptures was not an expression of man's pride. Instead of a clenched fist raised in defiance towards Heaven, I saw it rather as a hand stretched out in supplication, a cry to Heaven for help" (pp. 9, 64). To accept this view is to do violence to the biblical narrative, and leave unexplained the judgment God brought upon that generation. Equally unsatisfactory is the view as to the implications of their idolatrous actions (p. 68). The final proof (p. 69) is a pairing of events with absolutely nothing in common. —*Charles L. Feinberg.*

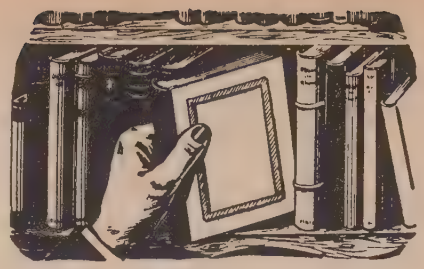
"Cooperative Evangelism: Is Billy Graham Right or Wrong?" Robert O. Ferm. 99 pp. Zondervan. 75c.

This was a timely book in that it appeared just after the San Francisco campaign got under way. The Graham Crusade had undergone some of its severest criticism—this time from the ultra-fundamentalists— and the stage had been set for an interesting showdown. What would God do at San Francisco? The answer is now common knowledge. This book, however, is significant in that it brings to focus a good deal of research in both New Testament and historical practice in regard to cooperation with interests representing various degrees of conformity to the evangelist's personal position. The result is Dr. Ferm finds that Billy Graham is not out of harmony with the Scriptures nor with the policy practiced by the major evangelists of the modern era. His critics, on the other hand, are found to be unscriptural in their position, but more unscriptural in the way they shout their criticism from the housetops.

BOOKS RECEIVED

"The Book of God." Baruch Spinoza, 121 pp. Philosophical Library. $3.00. One of his earliest books to be written, this is one of the latest to be published, having come to light only about a hundred years ago. The style is compact and concentrated, and the material looks as though it were basic to his later **Ethics.** Various attributes of God are discussed.

"The Suffering Saviour." F. W. Krummacher. 245 pp. Moody. 79c. An abridged version in



BOOK SHELF

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paper cover of the great classic on the last days of Christ.

"Fifty-two Sermon Outlines on the Titles of Our Lord." Rowley Hill. 112 pp. Baker Book House. $1.75. The author was a minister in the Church of England. Fifty-four outlines here provide material for a profitable series on an important theme. The names and titles reveal the Lord's person and work.

"Jonathan Edwards on Evangelism." Edited by Carl J. C. Wolf. 137 pp. Eerdmans. $2.00. In the midst of our present interest in revival and evangelism it is fitting that we go back to the first great revivalist in America. The editor has gathered together the Edwards material on these themes and gives it to us in the original words. Included in the famous sermon. "Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God."

"Daniel." G. Coleman Luck. 127 pp. Moody. 35c. No. 345 in the expanding Colportage Library series. Luck is on the Moody faculty and has distilled the essence of this charming prophet.

"Christianity and You." Stephen F. Olford. 123 pp. Eerdmans. $2.00.

"What Christ Thinks of the Church." John R. W. Stott. 128 pp. Eerdmans. $2.00. These two titles belong to the Preaching for Today series, which is designed to bring to the public proven sermons for significant pulpits. Olford is Minister of Duke Street Baptist Church, Richmond, England; and Stott is Rector of All Souls Church, Langham Place, London. The first title deals with personal problems of the Christian life and the second volume covers the seven churches of Revelation 2-3.

"Notable Sermons from Protestant Pulpits." Edited by Charles L. Wallis. 206 pp. Abingdon. $2.95. Here we have a collection of twenty-four sermons by some of America's greatest preachers. The selections are arranged under six divisions, the longest of which is "Evangelism and World Outreach." Some well-known names are Sockman, Kennedy, Rees, Shoemaker, McCall, Sizoo, and Sherer. There is of course a wide range of theological positions represented.

"Jonathan Edwards' Sermon Outlines." Selected and edited by Sheldon B. Quincer. 164 pp. Eerdmans. $2.50. This is Volume V of The World's Great Sermons in Outline series. Thirty-five sermons from the New England master preacher are presented in detailed outline. They are arranged in biblical order and cover a variety of subjects, including his great message on "Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God."

"The Five Points of Calvinism." Frank B. Beck. 70 pp. Baptist Examiner Book Shop, Ashland, Ky. 50c. Reprint of articles that appeared in the magazine.

"One Way of Living." George M. Docherty. x, 173 pp. Harper. $3.00. An even dozen sermons from the pen of the pastor at the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church in Washington D. C., having succeeded the late Peter Marshall. Dr. Docherty exhibits a warm evangelical spirit in these messages, the first of which relates his own religious experience of conversion. He came to America from Scotland.

"I Found the Ancient Way." Manuel Perez Vila. 128 pp. Moody. 35c. The testimony of how a Catholic priest found the way of evangelical truth. The format is that of a lengthy letter that he wrote to his Archbishop, which contains many arguments against Roman Catholicism.

"A Tool in His Hand." Ann M. Harrison. 170 pp. Friendship Press. $2.75. The fascinating story of a missionary doctor in Arabia as told by his wife and partner in the endeavor. Dr. Paul W. Harrison is the man and he was working with the Arabian Mission. During forty years of ministry among a most difficult people to win for Christ the Harrisons kept on and were able to claim some fruit. The story is realistic and important as representing one of the lesser phases of missions—the medical and the Arabic together.

"The Bond Slave." Sallie Lee Bell. 212 pp. Zondervan. $2.50. A novel in which the scene is laid in Egypt at the time of the Exodus. The plot involves a young Israelite slave, Caleb, and the princess Zoan, granddaughter of the Pharaoh. Biblical novels can help to fill in the background material if it is true to the cultural patterns, and a good deal of research goes into these works of fiction based on the Bible.

"The Bible and the Church." Oliver W. Price. 112 pp. Dunham (to be ordered from Fellowship Press, P. O. Box 9081, Oklahoma City 15, Okla.). No price listed. The Knights of Columbus have for some years carried on an extensive campaign of advertising in newspapers. The ten chapters of this book are designed to answer some of the propaganda contained in those advertisements, especially in the matter of the authority of the Church as over against that of the Bible. Price is a graduate of Dallas Seminary.

"With Healing in His Wings." Orville Steggerda. 218 pp. Zondervan. $2.50. A fictional account of a Christian doctor and his love affair that involved the whole community. The revelation of God's will and way bring lessons to any life that is ready to heed.

"The Silver Cord." Sallie Lee Ball. 216 pp. Zondervan. $2.50. In this religious novel there are a number of characters who make up the fabric of the plot which is woven around the romance of a lovely and consecrated young woman and a man who seeks the satisfaction of public acclaim in show business, but who late realizes the emptiness of it and yields to God's will.

"Parker's Sermon Outlines." 150 pp. Eerdmans. $2.50. This is Volume IV of Eerdmans' new World's Great Sermons in Outline Series. It contains the essence of thirty-five messages of the great City Temple preacher in London arranged in biblical order from Genesis to James.

"Immortality of the Soul or Resurrection of the Dead? The Witness of the New Testament." Oscar Cullmann. 60 pp. Macmillan. $1.25. The Swiss contemporary biblical theologian protests loudly here the present tendency toward the Greek philosophy of immortality in which death is looked upon as a friend, and argues strongly for the New Testament concept that it is an enemy that has been conquered by Christ. There is need for this sharp contrast of emphasis today even among some evangelicals.

"Bold White Stranger." Florence E. Beausay. 152 pp. Zondervan. $2.50. The first prize winner in Zondervan's teenage Christian fiction contest was won by this book. It tells the story of adventure in the lives of Hans and Peter, sons of lay missionaries in Alaska, and their Eskimo companions. The gospel message speaks here again to the hearts of all.

"Proud Waters." Lon Woodrum. 125 pp. Zondervan. $2.00. A novel in which a young pastor goes into a rough mining community and meets the opposition of the town leaders, particularly that of the daughter of the man who founded the community. It doesn't turn out the way some might think, but there is a church there at the end.

"The Barrier." Sallie Lee Bell. 216 pp. Zondervan. $2.50. This title won the 5th International Christian Fiction Contest of the Publishers. It is the story of a young woman torn between two conflicting loves but who claims the soul of mysterious Bill for the Lord and finally wins that and Bill too for herself, but only after some exciting complications that find Bill in the death cell of a prison.

"Winky's Big Surprise." Ken Anderson. 57 pp. Zondervan. $1.25. Another in the Winky series that children like so well.

"Together We'll Do It." Dorothy Haskin. 185 pp. Zondervan. $2.50. The Director of Publications of the International Child Evangelism Fellowship has put together here a vigorous Christian novel that shows once again that the search for material things is not the highest goal in life and that spiritual life is the highest benefit.

"The Works of John Wesley, Volume I." xvi 532 pp. Zondervan. $3.95. This is the first volume of a commendable project to republish in complete and unabridged form the works of the founder of Methodism. There will be fourteen volumes in all. This volume covers the Journal from 1735 to 1745. It sets an attractive pattern for the set.

"A Brief Survey of the Bible." Sara Margaret Wright. xxi, 241 pp. Loizeaux Bros. $3.00. The author has taught Bible in the Pontotoc, Mississippi, High School and felt the need for a synoptic guide to its unfolding drama. More attention is paid here to the doctrinal elements than the historical, as one usually finds in books of this type. The blood line of redemption is carefully traced.

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WCC, RUSSIAN CHURCH DELEGATES MEET AT UTRECHT

Representatives of the World Council of Churches meeting with delegates of the Moscow patriarchate of the Russian Orthodox Church in Utrecht, Holland. *Left to right*: Dr. Franklin Clark Fry of New York, president of the United Lutheran Church in America and chairman of the WCC's Executive and Central Committees; Greek Orthodox Metropolitan James of Melita, a member of the Council's Central Committee; Dr. W. A. Visser 't Hooft, the Council's general secretary; Bishop Mikhail of Smolensk, a member of the Soviet delegation; and Metropolitan Nikolai of Krutitsky and Kolomna, second ranking leader of the Moscow Patriarchate. Metropolitan Nikolai said he would recommend that the Russian Orthodox Church join the World Council. (*Religious News Service Photo*).

Inter-church

Russian Prelate Backs World Council Hookup

UTRECHT, The Netherlands — (RNS)—Metropolitan Nikolai of Krutitsky and Kolomna, second ranking leader of the Moscow Patriarchate, will recommend that the Russian Orthodox Church join the World Council of Churches.

Following a two-day conference here with WCC leaders, the Metropolitan said, "I will report to the Soviet churches, recommending that they join the World Council."

The Russian Orthodox Church refused to join the World Council when the council was formed at Amsterdam, Holland, on Aug. 23, 1948.

"We cannot express a firm decision on joining the World Council of Churches," Metropolitan Nikolai said. "We can only say the next stage will be one of consultation with Soviet church leaders."

He added the conference here was "undoubtedly a good basis for future contacts" between Russian Orthodox Church and World Council leaders.

The three-man Russian delegation will report on the conference to the Patriarch and Synod in Moscow. World Council leaders will make their report to a meeting of the council's Central Committee at Nyborgstrand, Denmark.

Spokesmen described the conversations between the delegations as based on "brotherhood in Christ" and "frank."

This was the first official meeting between representatives of the two bodies. Participants said it led to a useful exchange of information and "fuller understanding."

A joint statement issued by the Conference delegates following their sessions here said the Russian delegation would report to the Patriarch and Holy Synod that it was in "a spirit of full sympathy with the fundamental principles of the ecumenical movement."

The Russian delegates, the statement added, will also report favorably on the conference to other autonomous Orthodox Churches of Eastern Europe which also have remained out of the World Council.

Eight Orthodox bodies voted in 1948 against affiliating with the World Council. The action was taken at a Pan-Orthodox Conference in Moscow. Represented were the Russian Orthodox Church, the Serbian Orthodox Church, the Orthodox Churches of Romania, Bulgaria, Albania and Czechoslovakia, and the Orthodox Patriarchates of Alexandria and Antioch.

Leaders of the World Council were reported in the statement to be in favor of further contacts with the Russian Orthodox Church, recommended that Russian church leaders attend the Denmark meeting of the council's Central Committee as observers.

Dr. James DeForest Murch, editor of *United Evangelical Action*, commenting on the situation, said, "There is no question in my mind but that the Red Russian government is using the Moscow Patriarchate to infiltrate the World Council. The Reds already have their representatives on the Central Committee. If Russia's great State-controlled Church could come in, so would all the Orthodox churches of the satellite nations. The Orthodox representation on the Committee would be greatly increased and Moscow would be able to influence bloc voting to such an extent as to deliver the World Council into the hands of the Red Communist Internationale."

Communistic Infiltration Of World Council Proceeds

BULLETIN: The Russian Orthodox Church will "probably" join the World Council of Churches, Metropolitan Nikolai of Krutitsky and Kolomna, second ranking leader of the Moscow Patriarchate said in Moscow.

In an exclusive interview with Religious News Service, the Metropolitan said a conference of "sister Orthodox Churches" has been scheduled for November at Prague or Bucharest to discuss his report on the recent Utrecht meeting between delegations from the Russian Church and the WCC, and outline the concrete forms of contacts to be taken between the two groups.

NYBORGSTRAND, Denmark — The August meeting of the Central Com-

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mittee of the World Council of Churches veered decidedly toward friendliness to the "kept" Churches in the "iron curtain" countries. There is a very definite determination on the part of WCC leaders to admit Red Communists to the policy making bodies of the Council. All opposition was ruthlessly crushed at the meetings here.

Delegates to the meeting from Eastern Europe included Bishop Lajos Veto, Lutheran, from Hungary, and Professor Josef Hromadka of Czechoslovakia, members of the Central Committee; Bishop Tibor Bartha, Reformed Church of Hungary, substituting for Professor Laszlo Pap; Pastor Gyula Murakoezy, fraternal delegate from the Hungarian Ecumenical Council; and Professor Andre Wantula from the Polish Ecumenical Council.

The Red Hungarian members of the Committee were quite vocal throughout the meetings. An item in the report of the Committee of the World Council of Churches, concerning the Hungarian revolt of 1956, brought objections from the Hungarian churchmen.

Bishop Lajos Veto, a member of the Central Committee, objected to the description as "false" of Hungarian charges of World Council of Churches complicity in the Hungarian revolt. The bishop said that the word "false" as contained in the report of the Executive Committee, would lead to more controversy at a time when Hungarian churches wanted to re-establish good relationships with the World Council of Churches. The WCC had been weak enough in its attitude toward the religous slaughter of the Hungarian patriots, but to please the Communists they still further watered down their statement.

Marked friendliness to the Russian Reds characterized all the sessions of the Committee

Dr. W. A. Visser 't Hooft of Geneva, general secretary of the World Council of Churches, reported favorably on the recent Utrecht meeting of WCC officials and the Red Russian Moscow Patriarchate. He declared that any interpretation of the recent meeting between representatives of the council and the Russian Orthodox Church "primarily in political terms" is to "miss its real importance." He said the sessions between the two groups were "in the realm of church relationships and church history."

He pointed out, however, that it was true the conference had "a very real political aspect in that we cannot forget the international situation in such a meeting."

"We must specially remember," he continued, "that the needed confrontation and spiritual encounter of Eastern and Western Christianity can only take place in an adequate way if the great tradition of Russian Orthodoxy can become vocal in the ecumenical movement."

Bishop Lajos Veto of Hungary, used Dr. 't Hooft's favorable report as a springboard to deal with the WCC's differences with the Red Hungarian and Chinese churches. "It would be curious if the council had good relations with the church of Moscow and not with the Hungarian churches who have been members for ten years," the bishop stated. "It would be awkward for Hungarian churches if debate continues."

The Committee in another compromising move apologized to the Roman Catholic church for its stand on religious liberty. It said that a resolution on a study of religious liberty passed at last summer's Central Committee meeting in New Haven, Conn., had been misinterpreted in Roman Catholic periodicals as being an attack on that church. Officers said the committee had in mind an objective factual study to deal not only with negative but also with positive developments in the field of religious liberty and with solutions as well as problems.

A report presented at the annual meeting of the World Council of Churches' Central Committee here said Christians should declare themselves "openly" against the use of atomic weapons in an all-out conflict, but they could "in conscience" agree to their use in a limited war.

It suggested that nuclear weapons might be used as a deterrent to an all-out war after they had been used first by the enemy.

The report said limited warfare was justified only when its purpose was to prevent an all-out war or to stop an enemy from launching one.

Entitled "Christians and the Prevention of War in an Atomic Age," the report was prepared by a special 14-man commission of the WCC.

It urged all Christians to oppose national or international policies that might lead to an all-out conflict. **If such a war should break out, the report stressed, they should seek to end it, if necessary, on the enemy's terms, and resort to non-violent resistance.**

Another report urged acquiesence to social change in a world which is trending toward Socialism and Communism. Entitled "The Common Christian Responsibility Toward Areas of Rapid Social Change," the report was prepared by the council's Committee on Church and Society.

The $175,000 study was launched in 1955 with a grant of $100,000 from John D. Rockefeller, Jr., and has been underway in Asia, Africa and Latin America.

Its purpose is to help member communions of the WCC to come to grips with "the extraordinary developments of society" in these areas and with their implications for the West.

All 12 members of the World Council of Churches' Executive Committee were re-elected as a bloc. Thus the ecumenical oligarchy again rolled its juggernaut over protests against Red Communist representation in its ranks.

Attempts to increase the number of nominees, from the 12 to be elected, to 15 were turned down on the grounds that a competitive slate would make it "difficult" to balance confessional and geographical representation.

The re-elected slate of 12 received a majority of the votes cast in secret ballot by the Central Committee members. Included on the list was Dr. Joseph Hromadka, Czech Protestant theologian who is a bold apologist for the Communist regime.

Dr. Franklin Clark Fry of New York, president of the United Lutheran Church in America and chairman of both WCC committees, pointed out that according to the council's rules members of the executive group are chosen as a bloc by ballot unless the procedure is changed by the Central Committee.

Proposals to elect Executive Committee members secretly from a list of 15 had been made by Dr. P. O. Bersell of Minneapolis, Minn., president emeritus of the Augustana Church; and Col. Francis P. Miller of Charlottesville, Va., president of the Virginia Council of Churches and a leading layman of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. (Southern).

Col. Miller said that election by secret ballot from a 15-man list would save "embarrassment on the part of people who could not conscientiously vote for the full slate."

At the Central Committee's meeting last year in New Haven, Conn., Dr. Bersell abstained from voting on the Executive Committee slate, which also included Dr. Hromadka, because "he could not with conscience" vote for the Czech theologian. He was among a group of delegates who abstained from voting then. All names on the bloc were re-elected despite the opposition which never had a chance to express itself.

Three new churches were admitted into membership of the World Council of Churches by its Central Committee in annual session here. They bring the council's membership to 171 bodies in 52 countries.

The new members are the Hungarian Reformed Church in America, the Iglesia Filipina Independente (Philippine Independent Aglipayan Church), and the Eglise Evangelique du Cameroon (Evangelical Church of the Cameroons).

It is freely prophesied that the Red Russians and a number of new "iron curtain" churches will be present at the next meeting of the Central Committee and that full collaboration and cooperation will soon follow.

Christianity Now "Minority Movement", Say Liberals

CHICAGO —(RNS)— Christianity was described here as a "minority movement" throughout the world in influence if not in numbers by Dr. Wilhelm Pauck, professor of church history, Union Theological Seminary, New York.

He told delegates attending the 16th congress of the International Association for Liberal Christianity and Religious Freedom that Christianity "stands at the fringe of the common life today. It no longer shapes it."

The five-day congress was attended by some 1,000 representatives of Christianity, Judaism, Islam, Hinduism and Buddhism from more than 20 countries. Hosts for the gathering were the Universalist Church and the American Unitarian Association.

Dr. Pauck scored the "unwillingness of some churchmen to subject the Bible to a full study under currently available knowledge of biblical historical periods."

He charged that "large numbers of persons" have deserted organized Christianity because "the churches have refused to demythologize the Gospel, to understand themselves in terms of historical change, and to undertake the task to effect reinterpretations which historical change demands."

The international association was formed at Boston in 1900 at the 75th annual meeting of the American Unitarian Association. Its congress here is

EVANGELICALS TO COOPERATE IN NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

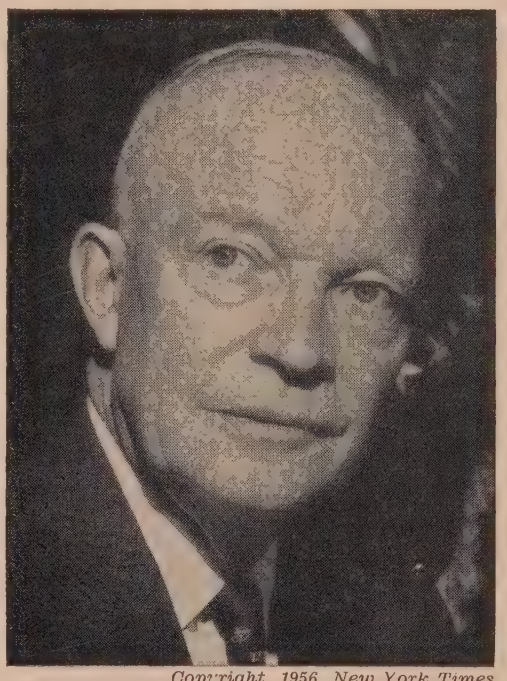
President Eisenhower Expresses His Appreciation

DR. HERBERT S. MEKEEL, president of the National Association of Evangelicals, in a letter dated August 20, assured President Dwight D. Eisenhower that Evangelicals would wholeheartedly join in the National Day of Prayer on October 1. The President replied immediately.

In a statement proclaiming Oct. 1 as a National Day of Prayer, the President called on all Americans to pray for a just and durable peace "under the guiding hand of Almighty God." He also asked that all visitors in this country, "each according to his own faith," join Americans in praying.

"In our time," he said, "buffeted by unprecedented changes and challenged by an aggressive denial of Divine Providence, we have continuing need of the wisdom and strength that come from God, and we shall always find our highest satisfaction in a steadfast purpose to know and to do His will."

A joint resolution approved by Congress in 1952 provided that the President "shall set aside and proclaim a suitable day each year, other than a Sunday, as a National Day of Prayer on which people of the United States may turn to God in prayer and meditation at churches, in groups and as individuals."



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President Dwight D. Eisenhower

Dr. Mekeel wrote on August 16:

Dear Mr. President:

Many Americans have long felt there should be a more earnest turning to God on the part of our people in these grave days. We are thankful therefore that you have led our nation in a call to prayer.

On behalf of the National Association of Evangelicals, representing ten million American Protestants, we shall accept the spiritual responsibility which you placed upon us and implore the help and guidance of God.

May you, personally, sir, have our Lord's strength and blessing in the heavy cares of state.

HERBERT S. MEKEEL

President Eisenhower replied under date of August 20:

Dear Reverend Mekeel:

Thank you for your note of August sixteenth. It is reassuring to know that the National Association of Evangelicals will join in seeking the guidance of God on the National Day of Prayer, October first.

I hope you will permit me, also, to express my personal gratitude for your prayers for my strength and guidance in this particularly troublesome period.

DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER

the first in this country since 1907 when it gathered in Boston. The association met last in 1955 at Belfast, Ireland.

Religion Decreasing As Church Membership Gains

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(RNS)—An America which numbers practically all its population as members of some church but which is nevertheless "religiously powerless" is foreseen for the future by a Seventh-day Adventist editor.

Raymond F. Cottrell, associate editor of the *Review and Herald,* official organ of the Church, said in an article entitled "A Form of Godliness" that "as more of the American people take up the forms of religion, religion itself seems to exert progressively less power over their lives."

In 1870 only 18 per cent of the population of the United States belonged to any religious organization, he said. "Today three times as many Americans hold church membership as then," he pointed out.

"If church membership could be considered an accurate idex to the seriousness with which Americans take their religion and apply its principles in daily life, we might expect this nation to be fully three times as religious today as it was approximately a century ago," Mr. Cottrell said.

"We seriously doubt, however," he continued, "that the most optimistic churchman would venture such a claim. Among other things, the statistics on crime, divorce, and juvenile delinquency are against it. Influence peddling in Government, alliances between law-enforcement agencies and the underworld, the consumption of alcohol, sour race relations, and many other facets of contemporary America give little evidence of an increased impact of religion on the thinking, morals and conduct of the nation."

ACCC to Hold Fall Meet in New York

JOHNSON CITY, N. Y.—The seventeenth annual Fall Convention of the American Council of Christian Churches will get underway Tuesday, October 28, at the First Baptist Church here.

Theme for the fall gathering of fundamental ministers will be "Light for the Last Days." According to ACCC president, Dr. Harland J. O'Dell, heavy emphasis will be placed during the four day sessions on proper Christian education for young men and women facing the demands and challenges of these critical times.

Special consideration will be given to the role of the ACCC in assisting Ukrainian and Hungarian refugees in the free world to begin to build their own churches. Dr. O'Dell pointed out that in the free world there are over 8,000,000 of these refugees with a concentration of some 1,000,000 in the United States alone. According to Dr. O'Dell, some 5,000 Roman Catholic priests have received special training in order to appeal to the religious instincts of these people and to reach them at any cost.

Elaborating on the refuge responsibilities of the ACCC, Dr. O'Dell revealed that 150,000 of these people are now located in Brazil without any form of organized help from Protestant sources. In Cleveland, Ohio, there are 10,000 Hungarian refugees desirous of receiving direction and organizing their own Protestant churches. Dr. O'Dell declared that organized help from the ACCC could help clear away the cobwebs spun by members of the National Council of Churches and build a strong arm of refugee churches in the ACCC.

A special refugee seminar will be conducted by Dr. O'Dell at the Johnson City conference.

Other speakers of special interest on the program will be Dr. Bob Jones, Jr., president of Bob Jones University, Greenville, South Carolina; Dr. John Murray, president of Shelton College; the Rev. Don Moffat, dean of students, Shelton College; Dr. Harvey Springer, cowboy evangelist from Englewood, Colorado; and Dr. Robert T. Ketcham, National Representative of the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches from Chicago, Illinois.

Plans for WCC Geneva Headquarters Approved

NYBORGSTRAND, Denmark — (RNS)—A new $2,500,000 headquarters in Geneva for the World Council of Churches was approved by the council's Central Committee at its annual meeting here.

Plans call for construction of a modern office building, a chapel and a library in Geneva, where the council now occupies a Swiss type chalet and some temporary wooden structures.

Presiding Bishop Henry Knox Sherrill of the Protestant Episcopal Church will serve as chairman of the headquarters' international committee upon his retirement in November. Bishop Sherrill, head of the Episcopal Church since 1947, will reach the compulsory retirement age of 68 on Nov. 6.

The Central Committee assigned $300,000 as the quota to be raised by the council's member Churches, while the remainder will be sought from individuals and foundations.

Sketches and blue prints of the new Geneva center will be submitted to the Central Committee for approval at its meeting next year. Construction is expected to be started in the fall of 1959 and be completed by the end of 1961.

Architects for the structure are Otto Senn of Switzerland and Otto Bartning of Germany.

WORLD-WIDE

East German Communists Ban Evangelical Journals

BERLIN—(RNS)—Church officials here labeled as "deliberate discrimination" the banning of two Evangelical weekly papers which rejected Communist charges levelled against the Home Mission of the Evangelical Church and the Moravian Brethren Church in West Berlin.

The newspapers, *Die Kirche* of East Berlin and the *Potsdamer Kirche* of Potsdam, were barred by the Communists from further circulation in the Soviet Zone. This action was taken after the papers printed a declaration disavowing accusations made by the Socialist Unity (Communist) party which accused the Churches of inducing a Soviet Zone woman to smuggle baby carriages from Potsdam to West Berlin.

Mrs. Ruth Link of Potsdam was arrested by the Communists for the alleged smuggling and her apprehension was coupled with rigid attacks against the Evangelical Home Mission and the Moravian Brethren Church.

Church officials called the banning of the newspapers a violation of recent Church-State agreements in the Soviet Zone which provide for "clarifying talks on controversial matters."

Before the banning, the declaration printed in the two Evangelical papers was read from the pulpits of all Protestant churches in the Soviet Zone district of Potsdam expressing regret at the Communist propaganda campaign. It had been started, the declaration said, without even trying to clarify the matter beforehand.

Huge Rally Opens World Education Convention

TOKYO—Some 15,000 persons jammed Tokyo Sports Arena here for a huge rally opening the eight-day 14th World Convention on Christian Education held in connection with celebrations marking the centenary of Protestant teaching and preaching in this country.

Registered for the convention were 3,200 delegates from more than 60 nations, including 2,000 from Japan. All Protestant elements in Japan participated to some extent although the meeting was controlled by World Council partisans.

Officiating at the rally was Methodist Bishop Shot K. Mondol of Hyderabad, India, new president of the World Council of Christian Education and Sunday School Association, which sponsored the meeting. Bishop Mondol suceeded Lord Mackintosh of Halifax, England.

Dr. Michio Kozaki of Tokyo, chairman of the National Christian Council of Japan, read a message of greeting to the delegates from Japanese Premier Nobusuke Kishi. Dr. Kozaki served as chairman of the convention's proparation committee.

Featured speaker was Dr. Toyohiko Kagawa, noted Japanese Christian leader, who made a plea that nations be given a chance "to be born again."

A highlight of the rally was a procession of representatives from foreign nations who marched to the speakers' platform wearing the colorful dress of their respective countries. The procession was given a tremendous ovation by the audience. Closing the rally was an international choir of 800 voices.

Among delegates at the convention were leading Christian educators, Sunday school teachers, youth counselors, ministers, missionaries and other church leaders.

Topics on the agenda included child guidance in Christian growth, youth leadership, work with adults and the Christian home, teaching work of the pastor, direction of Christian education in the local church and in interdenominational programs, and the Christian responsibility of laymen.

Earlier some 275 of the delegates had attended a World Institute on Christian Education at Seiwa and Kobe Colleges. Dr. Kozaki directed the institute and Dr. Paul Vieth of Yale Divinity School, New Haven, Conn., served as dean.

Panel discussions were held on such topics as the Christian education of children and youths, Christian education in the home, leadership training, resources of theological schools for preparing future ministers, and evangelism through Christian Education.

Protestantism Is Gaining In Brazil, Says Churchman

NEW YORK—(RNS)—Protestantism is growing in Brazil—up more than 200,000 members during the past five years—Dr. Walter E. Bock, field director of evangelism for the United Lutheran Church in America, said here on his return from a two-months tour in that country.

Lutherans, the largest Protestant group in Latin America, now exceed 500,000 in Brazil, he said.

Protestants in Brazil numbered 1,741,430 at the last official count. About 93 per cent of the country's 61,000,000 population are Roman Catholics, the census disclosed.

World Vision Conducts Pastors' Conferences

OSAKA, Japan — (MNS) — Led by Dr. Bob Pierce, the 1958 World Vision pastors' conference series began in Osaka, July 21. An international team of able and experienced Christian leaders seeks to challenge and inspire the hundreds of grateful pastors who are scheduled to attend in the six countries to be visited. Dr. Pierce is accompanied by Richard C. Halverson of International Christian Leadership, Inc., a veteran of the World Vision conference teams; Dr. Paul S. Rees, widely known pastor and associate of Dr. Billy Graham; and other American and Asian leaders.

In addition to Japan and Formosa, where previous conferences have been held, four countries will be hosts to the team for the first time: Singapore, Burma, India, and Ghana. Tremendous blessing and encouragement to both

the pastors and the national churches has resulted from the conferences in recent years, and many other countries are requesting that they be placed on the future schedule of the World Vision team.

To Propose Soviet Youths Study at Abilene College?

MOSCOW—(RNS)—American delegates from the Churches of Christ and a Russian Baptist leader here discussed the possibility of Soviet young Baptists going to the United States to study at a Christian college.

A suggestion that Baptist students from this country be sent to Abilene (Tex.) Christian College was made by the American churchmen at a meeting with Ilya Ivanov, treasurer of the All-Union Council of Evangelical Christians (Baptists), during which the "position of religion in the Soviet Union" was reviewed.

In repliy to the suggestion Mr. Ivanov said, "Please send us an invitation and we shall discuss the proposal."

Heading the five-member American group was Evangelist George Bailey of Abilene. Others included Evangelist Otis Gatewood, a Churches of Christ missionary, and three students from Abilene Christian college: David Gatewood, Gerald Tindell and Joseph Shubert.

The delegation was on a three-week visit to Russia, the first such trip for the group except Mr. Gatewood, who came here in 1956.

During their one-week stay in Moscow, the Americans visited the only Baptist church in the city on two occasions. They said they were "deeply impressed" by the presence of a church choir at a mid-week service which they said was an "unusual" occurrence in the United States.

Mr. Bailey, summing up the group's experiences, said that "we were impressed by the sincerity of the congregation and the choir."

Other cities visited by the team included Stalingrad, Kiev, Rostov and Leningrad.

The Churches of Christ are a congregational conservative body that broke away from the Disciples of Christ in 1906. The denomination claims a membership of more than 1,600,000 in some 16,500 churches, mostly in the South and Southwest.

Australian Churches Honor Scriptures

SYDNEY, Australia—(E/P)—Protestant churches in a thousand towns throughout Australia recently observed National Scripture Union Week in an effort to "create greater Bible consciousness" among the people of that country. The campaign was organized by Australia's 80,000-member Scripture Union. Said John Prince, chairman of National Scripture Union Week: "The great need of the world is to get back to God, and to know anything of God we must read the Book in which He has revealed Himself."

Red Leave-the-church Movement Gets Results

HANNOVER, Germany — (RNS) — Membership losses suffered annually by Evangelical Churches in the Soviet Zone are more than six times greater than comparative figures for West Germany, according to a report by the Statistical Office of the Evangelical Church in Germany (EKID) published here.

The report said this proportion reflected only the situation from 1950 to 1956, whereas the number of East Germans having left the Church since then is expected to be considerably higher because of increased Communist pressure and propaganda.

According to the statistics for 1956, the East German Church which suffered the heaviest loss was the Evangelical Church of Saxony with 9.7 per thousand, while the Lutheran Church of Mecklenburg holds the lowest exit rate with 4.6 per thousand.

In West Germany, the statistical office said, the largest percentage of Protestants having left the Church in the same year was recorded by the Lutheran Church of Hamburg, with 4 per thousand, the lowest by the Evangelical Church of the Rhineland, with 1.6 per thousand.

Since 1950, the office said, the number of persons discontinuing church membership in West Germany has "notably and continuously decreased."

Church sources said that intensified atheistic propaganda and anti-church pressure in East Germany were responsible for the great membership leakage suffered by East German Churches. For some time, Soviet Zone newspapers have been conducting a campaign to "enlighten" readers on how to sever their church connections. They have stressed that "clerical procedures involved will be taken care of without cost by all registrars' offices and authorized notaries."

At the same time, workers in government-operated factories were informed that notaries will be brought into the plants to accept declarations officially discontinuing their church membership.

A leave-the-churches movement sponsored by the Communists is paralleled by Red propaganda efforts to induce East Germans to substitute Communist rites for Christian ceremonies. These include "name-giving ceremonies," "Socialist weddings," and "Socialist funerals."

Canada Agrees to Pay Cost Of Sect's Return to Russia

OTTAWA—(RNS)—The Canadian government has agreed to pay the cost of transportation for 3,000 members of the Doukhobor sect to return to Russia.

The provincial government said it would put up an equal amount to help establish the Doukhobors in a new community in the Soviet, from which they or their forefathers emigrated in 1899 and 1900.

All of the Doukhobors desiring to return to Russia are members of the radical Sons of Freedom sect which has been in trouble with the government periodically for years.

They have refused to send their children to school and have been involved in a series of bombings and burnings of homes and barns. They also are noted for their practice of disrobing as a gesture of defiance.

E. Davie Fulton, federal Minister of Justice, told the House of Commons that the Canadian government was

LATE NEWS AT PRESS TIME

● EVANGELICALS will be transacting important business at various sessions to be held in the Hotel Savery, Des Moines, Iowa, preceding and during the National Sunday School Convention which meets there October 8-10. NSSA Board of Directors will meet October 6; NSSA General Council, October 7; National Association of Evangelicals: Executive Committee, October 6; Board of Administration, October 7 and 8; National Religious Broadcasters, Inc.: Executive Committee, October 9.

● ATLANTA-SOUTHERN BIBLE COLLEGE is the new name of Atlanta (Georgia) Bible Institute — reflecting "a broadened and widened scope of Christian educational activity." Dr. Charles E. Seidenspinner, formerly president of Southeastern Bible College, Birmingham, Alabama, and a vice-president of the National Association of Evangelicals has been appointed president of the school.

● PHILADELPHIA AREA Sunday School Association has announced plans for its Thirteenth Annual Convention at Bethany Temple Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, with opening sessions on Friday, November 7 Rev. Dean Dalton of Glendale, Calif., Rev. David Allen of Detroit, and other outstanding Sunday School leaders will participate in the program.

● CHAPLAIN (MAJOR GENERAL) Charles I. Carpenter, who has been reassigned as Protestant Cadet Chaplain of the Air Force Academy, was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal by General Thomas D. White, Chief of Staff, in a ceremony held at Headquarters, U. S. Air Force.

● RIOTS AND STRIKES by state university students have spread from Buenos Aires, capital of Argentina, to other Argentine cities in attempts to block the government's move to give private universities, most of which are Roman Catholic, the right to award professional degrees.

● CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE, for the first time in its history, is mobilizing all its forces in a denominational Week of Witnessing, October 5-12. The church goal is to reach one million people with a "vital Christian testimony."

● FIRST MISSION COVENANT Church of Chicago will celebrate its nineteenth anniversary on December 26, 27 and 28. Heading the list of speakers is Dr. Theodore W. Anderson, president of the Evangelical Mission Covenant. Pastor of the church is Dr. Harold L. Lundquist, former Dean of Education at Moody Bible Institute and more recently Executive Director of the Evangelical Welfare Agency.

prepared to pay the fares of the sect members, estimated to cost about $2,000,000, on the condition that those who go renounce their Canadian citizenship by September 30, when the offer expired.

British Columbia has agreed to pay an equal amount to aid the Doukhobors in settlement in Russia, and to release sect children now confined to a government school at New Denver, B. C.

There are said to be about 10,000 Doukhobors in British Columbia.

public affairs

Urges Real Christians Seek Political Office

GLORIETA, N. M.—(RNS)—More young people who are "thoroughly committed to the Christian way of life" should be encouraged to run for political office, delegates to the Christian Life Conference of the Christian Life Commission, Southern Baptist Convention, were told here.

Dr. Howard P. Colson, editor-in-chief of the Sunday school lesson courses of the Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville, Tenn., addressed the delegates on "The Christian in Society."

"When young Christian people have been elected," he said, "we must support them and encourage them in every effort for righteousness." Political activity, he noted, "is a form of true Christian service."

Pointing out that the Christian must participate fully in the life around him, Dr. Colson observed that "no area of human experience, whether it involves only the more personal relations or the wider corporate life of society, may be omitted from a Christian's concern."

"The Church is to bring God consciously into all human relationships," he said. "Only so can Christian life flourish at its best."

Dr. A. C. Miller of Nashville presided over the conference. He said the general feeling among delegates at discussion groups seemed to be "that justice should be extended to All American citizens, regardless of race and that citizens should recognize the dignity of courts and support the law as interpreted by the courts."

Arrests for Mailing Obscenity Increase

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(RNS)—Arrests for the mailing of obscenity showed a sharp increase during the fiscal year that ended June 30, 1958, Chief Postal Inspector David H. Stephens said in his annual report to the Postmaster General here.

"There have been particularly serious increases in the mailings of filth and obscenity," Inspector Stephens said, as he reported a total of 358 arrests by postal inspectors for this offense in the last 12 months, compared with 247 arrests in the same period ending June 30, 1957.

"Postal inspectors are giving high priority to investigations where obscene mailings are suspected," Mr. Stephens declared.

He also reported 351 mail fraud arrests, many of which involved fake religious or charitable solicitations. The fraud schemes apprehended had bilked the public of an estimated $11,408,000, his report said.

A total of 7,495 postal arrests of all types were made, over half being for thefts from private mail boxes. An impressive record of 7,401 court convictions were obtained, representing 98.7 per cent of all arrests.

Methodists Say 1 in 21 An Alcoholic in the USA

WASHINGTON, D. C. —(RNS)— Alcoholism has reached a rate in the United States where one out of every 21 adults is now an alcoholic, the Methodist Board of Temperance said here.

Citing the latest studies conducted by the Yale Center of Alcohol Studies, the temperance group said that the number of alcoholics has risen to 5,015,000. This is a rate of 4,760 per 100,000 adult population.

In 1950 the number of alcoholics was estimated to be 3,876,000, or 3,890 per 100,000 adult population and in 1940 it was 2,632,000, or 3,050 per 100,000.

"Treatment facilities for alcoholics do not begin to measure up to the size of the problem," Dr. Claude R. Hooton, general secretary of the Methodist board said. He pointed out that the world membership of Alcoholics Anonymous is 200,000 against over 5,000,000 alcoholics in the United States alone.

"Private facilities alone cannot handle this load," Dr. Hooton said, "yet only 34 states have officially recognized alcoholism as a major health problem and only 20 are spending money for alcoholic rehabilitation."

Liquor Advertising Reaches a New High

WASHINGTON, D. C. —(RNS)— Alcohol beverage advertising totalled a record $413,267,548 in 1957, the Methodist Board of Temperance reported here.

Citing authoritative figures published in advertising trade journals, the board said that brewers are now spending $6.71 out of every $100 of sales on advertising malt liquors, a percentage exceeded only by makers of perfume and soap and proprietors of mail order houses.

The largest amount of beer and liquor advertising went for signs, awnings, placards, etc., at "point of purchase," which accounted for $207,500,000.

Brewers, wineries, and distillers spent $68,934,000 on newspaper advertising, $39,000,000 for ads in national magazines, $8,071,000 for network television, $38,483,000 for "spot" advertisements on local television stations, $3,000,000 on network radio programs, and $10,500,000 on "spot announcements" on local radio. They also spent $37,779,000 on billboards and other forms of outdoor advertising, according to the figures released by the Temperance Board.

Congress Fails to Protect Pastor's Social Security

WASHINGTON, D. C. —(RNS)— Efforts to close a loophole in social security legislation which denies disability benefits to ministers until after January 1, 1960, and threatens loss of all their social security benefits if they become disabled before then will be renewed next year in Congress, Rep. Merwin Coad (D.-Ia.) said here.

Legislation which Congress has just approved increasing social security benefits and closing a number of other loopholes did not include any provision for clergymen, farmers, and other occupational groups taken in under the program in 1954, Mr. Coad said.

The Iowa congressman, a minister of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), had sponsored legislation (H.R. 12007) to give ministers and the others the same rights to disability payments after the age of 50 now enjoyed by other participants in the social security program.

However, the House Ways and Means Committee did not include it in the measure which was reported to the floor of the House and which became the basis of the last-minute Congressional action on social security benefits.

Under present law, ministers must be covered for a minimum of five years before they become eligible for disability benefits. No clergyman will have been under the program that long until January 1, 1960.

What is more unfortunate, a minister who loses more than four quarters (one year) of coverage before he reaches 65 loses all his benefits under the act, Mr. Coad said.

Until the time that ministers have established full and permanent eligibility for social security by being under the program for ten years (at the earthey must have been in "covered emliest this will be January 1, 1965) ployment" for all the quarters since January 1, 1955, except four.

A minister who is stricken with illness before 64 so that he can no longer pursue his calling thus stands to lose all social security benefits unless he can somehow recover and get ten full years in before retirement.

Mr. Coad said that if six quarters (18 months) of coverage are enough to establish minimum eligibility for retirement at 65 and lifetime social security payments, 18 months should be enough to qualify for disability benefits. This would establish eligibility retroactive to July 1, 1956.

He said he will try again next year to get Congress to act on the matter.

Radio-TV

Prayers for Peace Placed In Congressional Record

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Attention of Congress has been called to seven prayers for peace written by Dr. Oswald C. J. Hoffmann, director of public relations for the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and narrator of the Lutheran Hour.

Full text of the prayers was placed in the Congressional Record by Rep. Melvin Price (D.-Ill.).

Mr. Price, who is Roman Catholic, told the House that recordings of the prayers have been sent free of charge by the Lutheran Hour to every radio station in the United States "with the sincere hope that they would help allay the fears and tensions of these turbulent times."

He also told the House that a recording and script of the prayers had been given to President Eisenhower by Dr. Hoffmann.

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Networks Scored for Treatment of Religion

LAFAYETTE, Ind.—(RNS)—Religious organizations were warned here that they are largely "wasting energy and money" in their use of radio and television broadcasting "under the conditions imposed upon them by the networks and local stations."

Rev. Everett C. Parker, director of the Office of Communications of the United Church of Christ, told some 3,000 delegates who attended a National Conference on Christian Education that church programs are "consigned to the holes and corners in the broadcasting schedule—to time that is unsalable and unwanted."

Mr. Parker, a pioneer in the creation and use of religious programs for radio and television, said that the reason religious program audiences are small is that most are aired when people are asleep, eating or away from home.

"A favorite practice of stations and networks," he declared, "is to force religious programs into the Sunday morning schedule. Prior to 11 a.m. Sunday there is not even a measurable audience available to television—people are in bed or on their way to church. Even by noon less than 10 per cent of all television homes are ready and able to watch programs," he said.

Mr. Parker told the teachers, superintendents and other church school workers that broadcasters are quick to claim there is no appreciable audience for religion, "but this is obviously not true."

"Every scientific study of audiences for religion," he noted, "shows that more than half the households in any given community tune in regularly to religious programs." This is in the face of the fact, he added, that religion ranks last among types in the amount of time allocated to it on the air. On the networks, Mr. Parker said, less than one per cent of time is allocated to religion.

evangelism

Australians Prepare Billy Graham Crusade

SYDNEY, Australia — Australian churches want Billy Graham's crusade here early next year to reach every section of the country, Archbishop H. W. K. Mowll, Anglican Primate of Australia, said.

He told a group of church and community leaders here that principal crusade meetings would be held at the Sydney Showground, but that the American evangelist would conduct meetings elsewhere in Sydney.

Dr. Alan Walker, Australian Methodist evangelist, said that few religious events here had elicited more anticipation than the Graham crusade.

From personal experience while he was in the USA in the last two years, Dr. Walker said, "I can bear testimony to the absolute integrity of this organization, to Mr. Graham's sincerity and the efficiency of his team's presentation of the Christian faith."

Bishop Coadjutor R. C. Kerle of Sydney, said that the effect of the crusade here would be felt for many years afterward.

Among those who attended the meeting were two members of the Graham team, Jerry Beavan and William Brown.

denominations

Lutherans Now Report Eight Million Members

NEW YORK—(NLC)—Membership of the Lutheran Churches in North America is nearing the eight-million mark.

A total of 7,866,320 members was reached during 1957, it was reported here in the annual statistical summary compiled by the Division of Public Relations of the National Lutheran Council.

The Lutheran Churches in the United States and Canada, according to the NLC, gained 248,019 members. This was an increase of 3.3 per cent, the same as in 1956, and about the average gain over the past decade.

Comprising the third largest Protestant denominational grouping in America, the Lutheran Churches are exceeded in numbers only by the Baptists and Methodists. Of the total Lutherans, 7,627,738 are located in the United States and 238,582 in Canada. The latter are affiliated with the Churches in the USA.

The Council's summary is based on statistics supplied by sixteen Lutheran church bodies, plus the Negro Missions conducted by four groups associated in the Lutheran Synodical Conference. Fourteen of the bodies recorded increases in membership, one reported no change and two remained the same as their figures were taken from previous reports.

The gain in baptized membership of 248,019 in 1957, distributed among the 17,712 congregations, represents an average increase of 14 new members per local church, the same as in 1956. This figure is slightly higher than the average gain over the past decade.

Confirmed or adult membership advanced by 138,880 to a grand total of 5,216,830, a gain of 2.7 per cent. This would indicate an average accession of 7.8 adult members per congregation in 1957, a little above the average of the past ten years.

For the 13th consecutive year, the highest numerical increase was made by the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Its gain of 75,721 baptized members or 3.5 per cent over 1956 boosted the synod's total membership to 2,228,133. Over the past 13 years it has added 787,762 members, an average of 60,597 anually. The Missouri Synod is the second largest Lutheran body in America.

Among the major bodies, the Evangelical Lutheran Church and the American Lutheran Church showed the greatest advance on a percentage basis, both 3.8 per cent. The ELC gained 39,579 members and with 1,082,809 on its rolls is the third largest Lutheran body. The ALC added 35,417 members for a total of 972,929. It ranks as the fourth largest Lutheran group.

A gain of 3.4 per cent was recorded by the Augustana Lutheran Church with 18,794 additions that boosted its total membership to 576,198, fifth largest of the Lutheran bodies.

The United Lutheran Church in America, largest of the sixteen denominations, reported an increase of 60,259 or 2.6 per cent for a total of 2,395,611 members.

In the field of parish education, the churches enrolled a record total of 3,725,934 pupils, 92,464 more than in 1956. Sunday schools gained 41,808 pupils, vacation Bible schools 44,062, release-time schools 2,798, and parochial schools 3,796.

Sunday schools had 2,542,296 pupils in 17,302 schools served by 292,459 teachers; vacation Bible schools had 905,147 pupils in 10,615 schools with 87,039 teachers; release-time schools had 116,979 pupils in 1,834 schools with 8,353 teachers; and parochial schools had 161,512 pupils in 1,641 schools with 5,604 teachers.

Most of the parochial or Christian day schools are conducted by the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, with 1,257. Others are sponsored by the Wisconsin Synod with 206, the American Lutheran Church with 83, the Evangelical Lutheran Church with 30, the Norwegian Synod with 16, the United Lutheran Church with 10, and the United Evangelical Lutheran Church and National Evangelical Lutheran Church with one each. In addition, 37 schools are operated jointly as part of Negro Missions by the four bodies in the Synodical Conference.

Lambeth Bishops Deal With Birth Control, Nuclear Arms

LONDON — (RNS) — Approval of medically endorsed and "morally acceptable" methods of birth control, a plea for ending "hideous weapons" of destruction and a re-affirmation of the right of all races to associate freely were among 131 resolutions adopted by the 1958 Lambeth Conference here.

More than 300 Anglican bishops from throughout the world attending the Conference also provided the Anglican communion, for the first time in 600 years, with a procedure for the recognition and commemoration of

The resolutions were announced at a press conference here by Dr. Geoffrey Francis Fisher, Archbishop of Canterbury, head of the Anglican communion and Conference host.

Eagerly awaited, the resolutions and the reports of five major committees and their sub-committees represented the findings of the ninth Lambeth Conference which ended here Aug. 10. Although not binding, the decisions of the Conference, which convenes every ten years, have great influence on its member Churches.

Church of God Assembly Takes Progressive Action

MEMPHIS, Tenn.—The Church of God (Cleveland, Tenn.), which traditionally has condemned all forms of jewelry, voted at its 47th biennial General Assembly here to permit communicants to wear wedding bands.

Delegates approved wearing of the rings by a vote of 918 to 841 after the issue had been debated for three days. The change had been recommended by the Supreme Council, the denomination's top official body.

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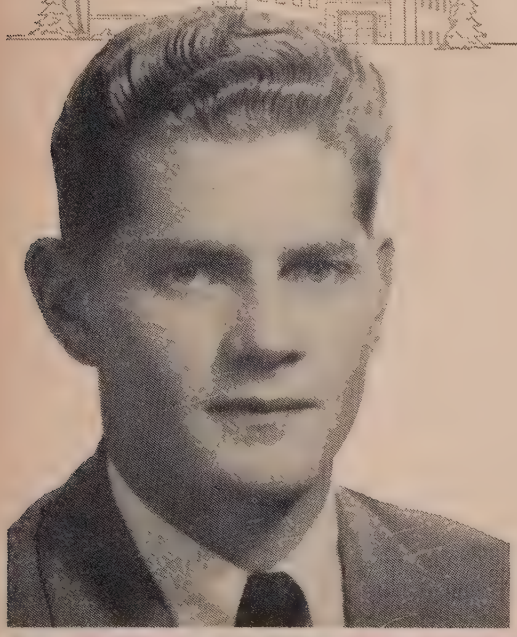

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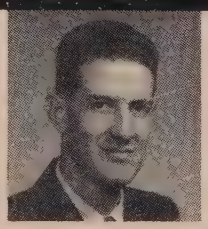

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ation, such as finger rings, bracelets, earrings, and lockets." The recommendation adopted by the delegates says "this does not apply to wedding bands."

Commenting on the vote, Rev. Charles W. Conn of Cleveland, editor-in-chief of the Church's publications and an assembly official, said the recommendation "was an effort to clarify our Church teachings."

"The General Assembly's action does not compel anyone to wear wedding bands, but permits them to do so if they wish," he pointed out.

A spokesman for the Church explained the movement in favor of wedding bands originated among "young married people who had been put in embarrassment at times by not wearing them."

In another action the assembly agreed to launch a nation-wide radio ministry by Jan. 1 and named Rev. Earl P. Paulk of Atlanta, Ga., as preacher and director. The venture into radio will be the Church's first attempt to spread its message by mass communications media.

Plans call for starting the program in principal cities of the South and later expanding to network proportions.

Other phases of the denomination's "outreach" campaign include distribution of tracts and pamphlets by communicants and the establishment of new churches.

Church of God membership overseas has more than doubled since 1950 according to Rev. Paul H. Walker, executive secretary for foreign missions.

"We now have 140,000 members and half a million adherents outside the United States," he disclosed, "and about 160,000 in this country."

The assembly also passed resolutions calling for the banning of beer and liquor advertisements in magazines, newspapers, TV, radio and billboards and for a halt to the serving of alcoholic beverages on airliners.

Delegates elected Rev. James A. Cross of Cleveland general overseer of the Church, top post in the denomination. He succeeded Rev. Houston R. Moorehead, also of Cleveland.

The denomination, a pentecostal group first organized in 1886 in Tennessee, is the largest body using the name "Church of God." It is not connected with The Church of God, headed by Bishop Homer A. Tomlinson of Queens Village, N. Y.; or with the Church of God (Anderson, Ind.).

Church of the Brethren Marks 250th Anniversary

KASSEL, Germany —(RNS)— Special six-day ceremonies here and at Schwarzenau and Berleburg marked the 250th anniversary of the Church of the Brethren.

More than 400 German Brethren were joined by other members of the Church from the United States, India, Nigeria and Ecuador in the observances.

Highlight of the week's special events was a re-dedication service on the banks of the Eder River at Schwarzenau where the first of the Brethren was baptized in 1708. The Brethren movement was launched there by Alexander Mack and a small group who had withdrawn from the State churches in Germany and were influenced by the Pietistic movement in the country.

The event was marred by two tragedies. Dr. M. R. Zigler of Geneva, representative of the Church of the Brethren to the World Council of Churches, was critically injured and his wife, Amy Arnold Zigler, was killed in an automobile accident about 25 miles west of here.

Twenty members of the Brethren Heritage Tour, sponsored by the American Church of the Brethren, were among the 99 persons who were killed when a New York-bound plane of the KLM Royal Dutch Airlines crashed into the Atlantic Ocean during a storm.

Officials at headquarters of the Church of the Brethren in Elgin, Ill., said nearly one-third of the members of the tour were aboard the illfated plane. Most of them were members of a party that left Lancaster, Pa., together on July 9.

Among the dead were E. B. Espenshade, director of admissions at Elizabethtown (Pa.) College; Prof. and Mrs. Galen Stinebaugh of Bridgewater (Va.) College; John C. Hollinger of Manheim, Pa., and his fiancee, Audrey Kilhefner, who were members of the June graduating class at Elizabethtown College; and Mr. and Mrs. Max Snider of Bradford, Pa.

Assemblies Meet Stresses The Evangelistic Approach

TULSA, Okla.—The only way to get people "back in church on Sunday nights" is by a strong evangelistic approach, the third national evangelism convention of the Assemblies of God was told here.

"There are thousands of voices clamoring for the attention of people today," Rev. James Hamill of Memphis, Tenn., said. "We will have to work hard at our job if we are to get them back into church."

Mr. Hamill was one of four pastors on a panel which discussed "Improving the Sunday Evening Service." The others were Rev. B. Owen Oslin of Ft. Smith, Ark., Rev. Roy Sprague of Shawnee, Okla., and Rev. Otis Keener of Oklahoma City.

The pastors declared that "strong" evangelistic services and a "deeper spiritual life on the part of religious leaders" should help increase church attendance.

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At another session, Rev. Richard Jeffery of Glendale, Ariz., called on the denomination's evangelists to extend their ministry beyond the United States.

"It is our responsibility to take the message of Christ to all areas," he said, adding that natives of foreign countries "are more responsive" to the Gospel than Americans.

Mr. Jeffery has spent the last three years preaching in Cuba and Central America.

Asserting that foreign countries were "ready for the Gospel," he said that "more than two billion persons in the world, found in some 1,000 different tribes, have never heard of the Christian message."

Some thirty ministers, evangelists and laymen and one minister's wife who hold pilots' licenses formed a new group known as the Aero Fellowship of the Assemblies of God. Fred Mosley of Waco, Tex., a businessman, was elected president.

Lutheran Synodical Reaffirms Doctrine

CLEVELAND, O.—(RNS)—A doctrinal statement reaffirming a literal approach to biblical revelation was adopted here by delegates to the 45th biennial convention of the Lutheran Synodical Conference of North America.

The statement was hailed by leaders and delegates as a turning point in relations between the four constituent groups, the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, the Wisconsin Synod, the Slovak Lutheran Church and the Evangelical Lutheran Synod, formerly the Norwegian Synod.

It reaffirmed the authority of Scripture and asserted the belief that "all Scripture (that is, all the canonical books of the Old and New Testaments) is given by inspiration of God and is in its entirety, in its parts, and in its very words inspired by the Holy Ghost."

The statement said that "where Scripture speaks historically, as for example, in Genesis 1 to 3, it must be understood as speaking of literal, historical facts. Where (it) speaks symbolically, metaphorically, or metonymically (in the abstract), as, for example, in Revelation 20, it must be interpreted in these terms."

Synodical Conference Lutherans, the statement said, "reject and condemn" any attempt to treat the miracles as myths. Such an effort is "a denial of the Word of God," it stressed.

"Where Scripture records as historical facts those events and deeds which far surpass the ordinary experience of men, that record must be understood literally, as a record of facts; the miraculous and mysterious may not be dismissed as intended to have only a metaphorical or symbolical meaning."

The canon—the 66 inspired books of the Bible—is not the creation of the church, the statement asserted. "Rather, the canon has, by the quiet historical process which took place in the worship life of the church, imposed

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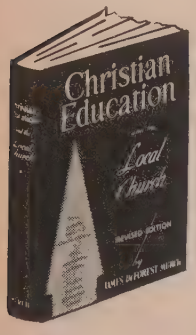

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Their report said, however, that "because of our human limitations and frailties, we find ourselves in disagreement as to the scope and application" of Scripture to some disputed areas.

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Colombia Broadcasts Of Gospel Resumed

GIRARDOT, Colombia—Missionaries Lorentz Emery and Robert Savage were granted permission last month to present two radio programs here after being silenced for five years. Thousands of people are believed to have heard the broadcast, it was reported by SENDA, evangelical news service originating in San Jose, Costa Rica.

The last evangelical radio broadcast in Colombia was in April, 1953. At that time the Government suspended the program "La Marcha del Evangelio" presented every Saturday over Radio Girardot. Since then every attempt to preach the gospel by radio in Colombia has failed.

SENDA also reports the restoration of a Presbyterian church which was confiscated by the Colombian army eight years ago for use as a military barracks. The new mayor of the town of Peque ordered the building repaired and returned to the church. In a solemn and joyful service attended by thousands of people the church was rededicated to the work of the Lord.

Men for Missions Adopt A Gospel Radio Station

CHICAGO.—The Men for Missions Executive Cabinet for the United States and Canada met recently for their third annual meeting at Winona Lake, Indiana to crystallize plans for their projects for 1958-59. The Gospel radio station 4 VEH at Cap Hatien, Haiti has top priority. This $35,000 MFM project includes the construction of a new 5,000 watt transmitter and building plus tower. The station is already broadcasting in five languages.

Men for Missions, the laymen's voice of The Oriental Missionary Society, was officially organized in June, 1956. This year businessmen from all over the United States elected as their officers: Eldon Turnidge, a mint farmer from Jefferson, Oregon, President; Archie Porter, St. Petersburg, Florida, venetian blind manufacturer, Vice-President; Robert Martin, an Indiana grain elevator owner, Secretary. Nate Scharff, clothing merchant, Dayton, Ohio; Rolland McGilvray, banker, Cleveland, Ohio; and Enloe Waller, oil man, Mt. Carmel, Illinois were also named to the Cabinet as cabinet members.

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ELO, a service mission, has been a helping hand to more than 100 mission societies during the past five years. World Literature Sunday is sponsored by ELO. Plans for its observance have been under the guidance of a special committee, with representatives from several mission groups, under the leadership of Dr. Vincent Brushwyler, Director, Conservative Baptist Foreign Mission Society.

"While most mission boards have recognized in literature an effective strategy for our day, the average pastor and layman has not become enthusiastic about it," says Brushwyler. "This is because they do not know of the need and opportunity in the printed page. Literature Sunday should serve to challenge hundreds of thousands and stir them to action, as the publicity material sent out by ELO is read and the suggested programs for Sunday schools and young people's organizations are carried out. Pastors have also been provided with informative and inspirational materials to assist in the preparation of special messages for Literature Sunday. I personally believe that this recognition of the proper place of literature in the missionary enterprise will definitely forward the literature program of mission boards."

Nazarenes Establish New Brazilian Mission

SAO PAULO—(E/P)—Rev. and Mrs. Mosteller, first Nazarene missionaries to Brazil, have arrived with their family in Campinas, in the state of Sao Paulo, to organize the denomination's first work in the Latin American country.

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Missionary Digest Holds Film Festival

DAYTON, Ohio—*The Missionary Digest,* official publication of the United World Mission with headquarters here, sponsored its third annual Film Festival at Winona Lake, Indiana this summer. Objective of this activity is the improving of the quality and content of missionary film production.

Thirteen top missionary films competed for the awards as the best "Documentary" and the best "Dramatic" missionary film of the year. The documentary award was presented to the film "A Cry in the Night" sponsored by World Vision, Inc., Los Angeles, California and produced by Westminster Films of Pasadena. The International Church of the Foursquare Gospel's film "Life to Life," produced by Barney Petty of San Fernando, California, won the dramatic award.

In the absence of the film producers, Kay Smith, associate editor of *The Missionary Digest,* received the awards from the director of the film festival, Albert J. Bergfalk. Mr. Bergfalk, who is associate secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Baptist General Conference of America, also served as chairman of the awards committee.

Mr. Bergfalk said, "For the cause of missionary promotion at large, for producers of missionary films, and for the awards committee itself, the annual Missionary Digest Film Festival offers remarkable advantages and privileges. Users of missionary films are given objective evaluations of available new films; producers receive stimulating suggestions and constructive criticisms; and the members of the awards committee learn much, both by studying the films and their techniques, and by sharing with one another their viewpoints and experience."

A combined and condensed evaluation by the awards committee on each film, along with a review of each film, is being published and can be obtained from *The Missionary Digest,* Box 8, Riverdale Station, Dayton 5, Ohio. 25c each.

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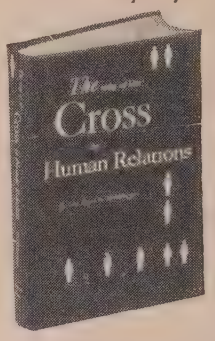

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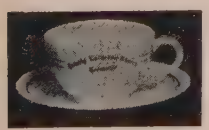

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Both doctors will spend time in England en route to Africa for additional training in the diagnosis and treatment of tropical disease. They will serve under auspices of the board of world missions, Augustana Lutheran Church. Both have families who will accompany them.

Missionary to Algeria Kidnapped by Rebels

ALGIERS—(E/P)—A young Methodist missionary, Rev. Lester E. Griffith, was kidnapped recently by Nationalist rebels here, it was announced.

Nothing has been heard of Mr. Griffith, a 33-year-old Ohioan with a record of five years in Algiers, since he vanished on a motor trip while returning to his post in mountainous eastern Algeria. He is believed to be the first American abducted by the rebels since they launched their revolt against France in 1954.

Griffith's car was found burned on the highway between Fort National, about 87 miles east of Algiers, and Tizi-Ouzou, the departmental capital.

Men for Missions Broadcasts in Haiti

LOS ANGELES—Men for Missions, the laymen's voice of the Oriental Missionary Society, has adopted as a 1958-59 project the gospel radio station 4VEH at Cap Hatien, Haiti. The $35,000 project includes the building of a new 5,000 watt transmitter and building plus tower. The station is already broadcasting in five languages.

Men for Missions officers elected for the coming year include businessmen from all over the United States. President is Eldon Turnidge, a mint farmer from Jefferson, Oregon. Other officers —a venetian blind manufacurer in Florida, an Indiana grain elevator owner, an Ohio clothing merchant, and an oil main in Illlinois. This movement of militant laymen's councils across the nation purposes to share with missionaries the task of challenging the American church to reach this generation with the message of Christ.

These councils are endeavoring to call men into action for Christ by encouraging every church group in the United States to hold missionary services and conferences. They are seriously studying and distributing literature which re-emphasizes the New Testament missionary patterns. They recommend that laymen groups start with

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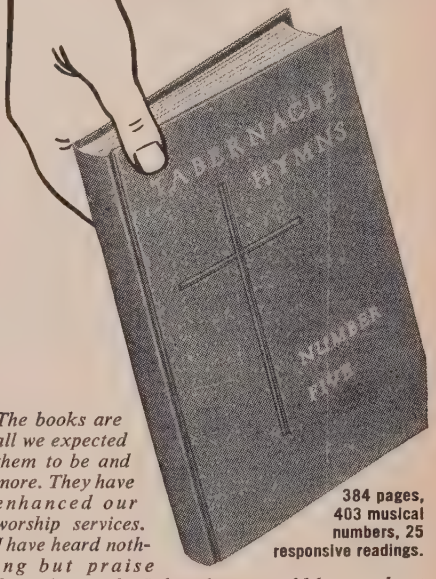

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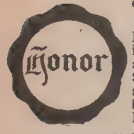

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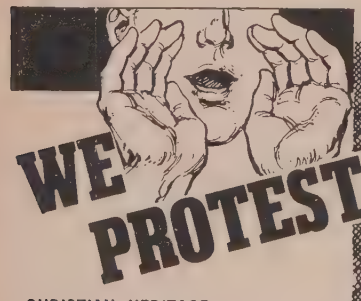

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Unethical Labor Practices Lambasted by Churchmen

NEW YORK CITY—(E/P)—Protestant, Catholic and Jewish spokesmen have issued Labor Day statements calling for further union efforts to eliminate unethical practices. The organizations include the social action department of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, the National Council of Churches and the Rev. Theodore L. Adams, president of the Synagogue of America, a cooperative body of conservative, Orthodox and Reformed Jews.

The Protestant announcement asserted that the National Council "welcomes" labor efforts against "racketeering, feather-bedding and many other corrupt and unethical practices."

The Jewish statement opposed "right to work" laws, calling them an unwarranted intrusion of government in the collective bargaining process.

A communique issued by an official Catholic Action Committee said organized labor "is now doing a great deal on its own initiative to correct abuses . . ." and that congressional investigations of unions could do more harm than good if allowed to "drag on interminably."

In reply to that statement, Senator John L. McClellan (D. Ark.) said, "I'm sure every hoodlum, racketeer, gangster and other segment of the criminal element in this country will heartily applaud the statement."

The Catholic Committee's communique also denounced right-to-work laws and urged a "summit meeting" of labor and management to try to solve economic problems.

The NCWC is an organization set up by Roman Catholic bishops in the United States.

Psychologist Says Non-Smokers Cautious

WASHINGTON, D. C. — (RNS) — Cigarette smokers "seem more on the impulsive, restless, overtalkative, and distractable side" when compared with non-smokers, a research psychologist said here. Dr. Daniel S. Schubert of the University of Chicago made this observation at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association. A study he conducted of young smokers at a large northeastern college, he said, indicated that while the smoker tends to be "more vigorous and ambitious," he "does not profit from experience as much as the non-smoker does."

The non-smoker, Dr. Shubert added, seems more thoughtful, restrained and cautious, than his smoking counterpart, "and also seems to take the dictates of society more seriously than the college cigarette smoker." Declaring that "the personalities of smokers are definitely different from those of non-smokers," the psychologist said

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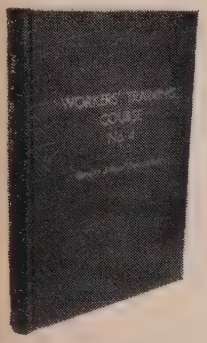

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that while the college smoker "is active, sociable, and enthusiastic," he "frequently loses interest in one thing too quickly and starts on another of his many plans."

Dr. Mildred Weiss, a researcher at the Cleveland (O.) Center for Alcoholism, told the delegates that she observed that "both alcoholics and social drinkers show decreases in reasoning, judgment, and abstracting ability." However, she said, "drinking patterns seem to vary more with the personality type than with the drinking history of the individual." Alcoholics exhibit some qualities not found in social drinkers, Dr. Weiss said. They show increases in "over-flowing expansiveness and confabulation," while social drinkers, she explained, exhibit decreases in "rigid, brittle over-control" of their conduct in society.

Church Leader Scores Liquor Ads in Magazine

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(RNS)—Dr. Caradine R. Hooton of Washington, general secretary of the Methodist Board of Temperance joined with temperance executives of two other national organizations in an appeal to the *Saturday Evening Post* that it reconsider its decision to accept liquor advertising.

Until now, the *Post* and the *Readers Digest* have been the only two major general magazines refusing to accept liquor ads. The Post recently reversed its policy, stating that "the times have changed."

Joining in the appeal with Dr. Hooton were Clayton M. Wallace of Washington, executive director of the National Temperance League, and Mrs. Glenn G. Hays of Evanston, Ill., president of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

In a letter addressed to Robert E. MacNeal, president of the Curtis Publishing Company, publishers of the *Post*, the temperance leaders charged that by accepting liquor ads, the weekly "will be doing its share in recruiting new drinkers of alcoholic beverages," thereby helping to increase the five million alcoholics now in America.

The letter, made public here, said the *Post* will be opening its pages "to an industry whose advertising is basically false and misleading, and whose products are damaging and destructive to health, happiness, and to human personality and character."

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Protestants and Catholics Join Against Communists

BERLIN — Four thousand Protestants and East German Catholics met here in a defiant protest rally against Communist religious persecution, the Catholic newspaper *Petrus Blatt* reported recently.

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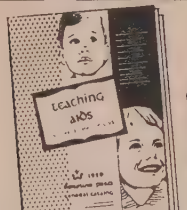

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Evangelical clergymen say the mass protest jolted the Reds and made them ease their anti-religious attacks.

NAE Midwest Region Holds Annual Meeting

CHICAGO—The 1958 Annual Midwest Regional Convention of the National Association of Evangelicals will be held on Friday, November 14th at the Judson Baptist Church, Oak Park, Illinois.

The convention will begin with a board luncheon at noon, followed by the annual meeting of the Board. The 3:00 p.m. Business session which is open to the public will be addressed by Mr. Wendell Rockey of New York City, executive director of the NAE evangelical relief work, as well as by other key NAE personnel.

Dr. Paul S. Rees, just returned from a world tour, has been invited to address the annual banquet at 6:30 p.m.

Several hundred delegates from the four-state midwest area as well as interested visitors are expected to attend. A matter of key interest will be discussion of plans under way for a Billy Graham Chicagoland crusade.

Dr. Charles Joseph Anderson is now in his fourth year of service as Midwest Regional NAE Director.

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Billy Graham Points To "Signs of the Times"

LAKE JUNALUSKA, N. C.—(E/P)—Evangelist Billy Graham, speaking to 3,000 persons attending a Methodist assemby here, warned that if the Church does not meet it responsibilities in this generation it may go into an eclispe. This is so, said Graham, because "the communists have become the greatest missionaries ond evangelists in history, having reached the whole world in forty years.

"In every country I have visited, I have found the communists hard at work," he said. "They are on fire, and the church needs to catch fire too." The evangelist called upon the church to "speak out in this time of emergency. We have neglected to prepare people to meet God," he charged, "and our time may be very short."

Calling attention to the "signs of the times," he reminded his audience that Jesus forecast a situation like that of the days of Noah at the time of His second coming, and Graham cited these similarities: (1) "A world in which marriage is abused, immorality is widespread, and there is an undue emphasis on sex." (2) "A world in which violence prevails." (3) "A world in which spiritual influences are neglected. People today, as in Noah's day, just don't have time for God." (4) "It is a world under the inspection of God. He looked at the world in Noah's day and decided to start over. God may so judge us because of our great wickedness."

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NEW YORK CITY — (E/P) — The 75th Annual Bible and Missionary Convention of the Gospel Tabernacle here, under the direction of its Pastor, Rev. Paris W. Reidhead, will bring together nationally-known speakers for an eight-day program. Sessions will begin Sunday, October 5 and end the 12th.

The convention will feature Dr. Oswald J. Smith, pastor of the People's Church in Toronto, Canada and Dr. A. W. Tozer, editor of *The Alliance Witness*, official organ of the Christian and Missionary Alliance.

Other prominent speakers participating in the convention will be Eugenia Price of Price-Riley Associates of Chicago; Dr. Clyde W. Taylor, secretary of affairs of the National Association of Evangelicals; the Rev. Hamilton Paul Rankin, an authority on Alliance missionary activities in Africa and the Near East; the Rev. Hubert Mitchell, of the Family Altar League of Chicago; and the Rev. R. R. Brown, pastor of the Omaha Gospel Tabernacle, Omaha, Nebraska. Special music, films and displays will round out the program.

Free parking for all those registered has been arranged with a large parking garage on 44th Street just a few doors east of the Tabernacle.

Education

Coordinated Program in Assemblies Colleges

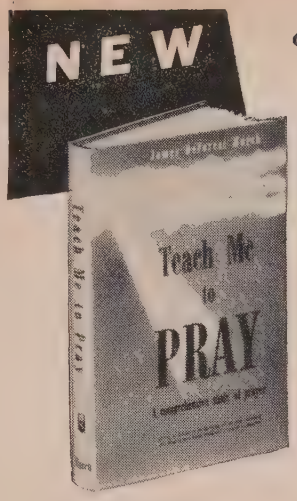
SPRINGFIELD, Mo.—Evangel College and Central Bible Institute, two Assemblies of God colleges here opened their first year under a coordinated program. Rev. J. Robert Ashcroft was inaugurated president in ceremonies on the Evangel college campus. Dr. Ashcroft will head staffs of the two colleges and direct business and academic affairs of the schools.

Dr. C. Hoyt Watson, president of Seattle Pacific College, Seattle, Wash., delivered the inaugural address. Other notables on the program included thirty-five educational, government, civic, and church representatives.

The order of inauguration was conducted by executives of the Assemblies of God. Assisting were Harold Gray, school principal of Tacoma, Wash., and chairman of the Board of Directors of Evangel, who presented the keys and seal of the college; and Rev. Gayle F. Lewis, assistant general superintendent of the Assemblies of God, who presented the keys and seal of Central Bible Institute. The charge to the president was made by Rev. Ralph M. Riggs, general superintendent of the Assemblies of God.

Other officials of the denomination assisting in the ceremony included Rev. M. B. Netzel, general treasurer, who gave the invocation; Rev. Thomas F. Zimmerman, assistant general superintendent, presenting a historical sketch; Rev. Charles W. H. Scott, assistant general superintendent, presenting the inaugural speaker; and Rev. Bert Webb, assistant general superintendent, who presented the Holy Bible to President Ashcroft.

Rev. C. C. Burnett, national secretary of the Assemblies of God Education Department, recognized academic representatives.



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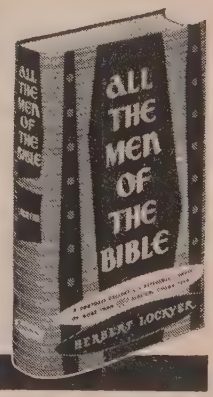

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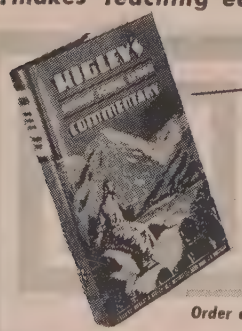

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Following the inaugural ceremony, a reception for invited guests was held on the campus of Central Bible Institute.

Northern Baptist in Development Program

CHICAGO.—The dedication of the new Howel Chapel (with four new classrooms) and the expanded, renovated library facility occupying the entire first floor of Wilkinson Hall, on September 22-23, marks a new milestone in the onward 45-year march of Northern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Dr. Lynn Leavenworth, director of the Department of Theological Education of the Board of Education and Publication of the American Baptist Convention, and Dr. Gilbert L. Guffin, president of Eastern Baptist Seminary in Philadelphia, were the principal speakers in the two-day observance presided over by Dr. Charles W. Koller, president of Northern, and Dr. James Mosteller, dean of Northern's faculty.

The new Chapel represents a total investment of $300,000.00 subscribed entirely by freewill offerings of individuals and Churches of the American Baptist Convention. This sum is in addition to an annual budget of $400,000.00, approximately half of which comes through direct gifts to the institution. Two thousand alumni, with earned degrees from the Th.B. to the coveted five-year postgraduate Th.D. level, are now giving leadership to Christian causes all over the world. This record has caused Northern to become known as "The Miracle School of the Prophets."

The next steps in the Development Program of Northern Seminary call for a new refectory, new administrative offices, more classrooms, more professors added to the faculty, cost of living increases in salary, professors' offices, etc., totaling another planned $1,000,000.00 of "extra" funds.

Campus Crusade Gets New Training Center

MOUND, Minn.—Keswick Bible Conference Grounds on Lake Minnetonka near here has been acquired by the Campus Crusade for Christ as a year-round training center.

Some 150 students attended a Crusade institute on the Grounds. Following the three-week course, they were to be assigned to college and university campuses around the world where they will conduct student Christian gatherings.

The grounds were contributed to the Crusade, but the Keswick organization will continue to hold a two-week Bible conference there each summer.

Students assisted in the completion of a chapel on the grounds. It is dedicated to the memory of Stanton Wilcox, a jet pilot shot down in the Korean War.

Ray Nethery, Minnesota director of the Crusade, said it is hoped to in-

crease the Crusade staff from its present 75 to 1,000 in ten years.

World headquarters of Campus Crusade is in Los Angeles. A conservative Protestant movement, its advisory board members include Evangelist Billy Graham; Rev. Bob Jones, Jr., of Greenville, S. C.; Dr. Harold J. Ockenga of Boston; and Dr. Oswald J. Smith of Toronto.

Christian Day Schools Will Encourage Science

NORTH HALEDON, N. J.—(RNS)—Christian day schools should do their best to encourage the teaching of science in an effort to strengthen the nation's scientific achievement and thus help ease the world's "sense of fear," delegates to the 38th annual convention of the National Union of Christian Schools were told here.

Dr. John De Vries, chairman of the science department at Calvin College, Grand Rapids, Mich., spoke on the convention's theme, "The Place of Science in Our Christian Schools," before some 450 teachers, principals and parents who attended from all parts of the United States and Canada.

Schools represented in the Union are controlled by parents of the Calvinistic faith, mostly members of the Christian Reformed Church. They are operated by societies independently of churches.

"Never before in the history of mankind," Dr. De Vries said, "has the threat of the displacement of our civilization been accompanied by the possibility of the destruction of the greater part of humanity."

He said we are called upon to face the needs of this hour "in the calm assurance that God still holds the whole wide world in His hands." In addition to this, he said, Christians must remember that they are also "citizens of this nation and as such have a duty towards society. We must train our children of the world and not be inferior in training to them," he said.

"Our schools," Dr. De Vries noted, "must not only develop scientists having creative imagination and technologists capable of utilizing their discoveries, but must give everyone a broader understanding of science."

"We must make a serious effort," he said, "to close the gap between the specialist and the common man so that everyone learns to know at least something about the situation confronting mankind today."

Dr. Paul Wooley, dean of students at Westminster Theological Seminary in Philadelphia, said that many scientific proceedings have "become divorced from ideas of God."

Speaking on the subject "The Christian's Place in the Modern Scientific World," he said that "recent scientific achievements of Russia—where religion played a minor role—went a long way towards deepening the gulf."

Through a study of the Scriptures, Dr. Wooley said, Christians were convinced that there was a God, that He created the universe and that He was everlasting and all-powerful. However, the educator observed, some scientists denied His existence and others restricted Him to spiritual matters. For these, he said, God "had become separated from the material world He created."

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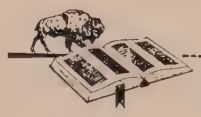

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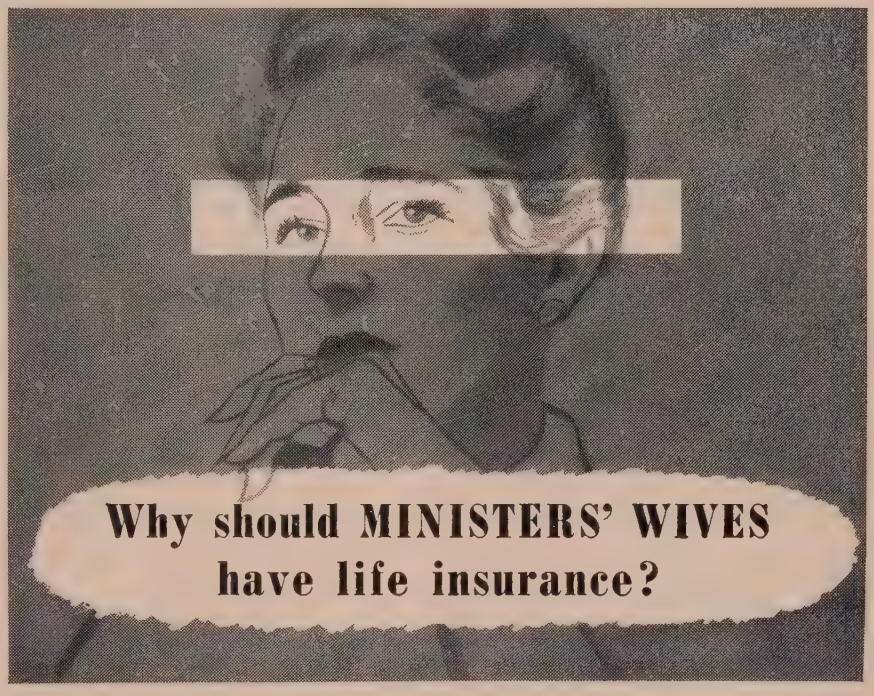

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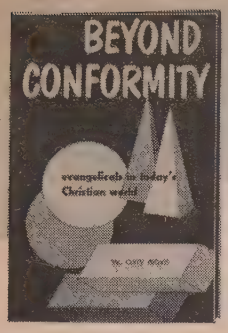

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Four hundred and fifty organized young people's groups comprise this across-the-border and coast-to-coast organization. There are one hundred and sixty-five groups in Canada, and contacts are maintained with similar Calvinistic youth groups in the Netherlands, Australia, and South Africa.

The Federation publishes the *Young Calvinist,* the official monthly magazine with a circulation of 24,000, *Spires,* a daily Bible reading guide for servicemen, and numerous other aids for young people.

The office will serve as the international headquarters for the organization which now has eight full-time employees.

Christian Athletes Meet in Estes Park

ESTES PARK, Colo.—(RNS)—Several hundred ranking high school and college athletes gathered here to study the theme "Jesus Christ—the Master Coach."

Among those attending the third annual Fellowship of Christian Athletes were 113 college athletes, 315 high school athletes and 37 college and high school athletic coaches.

Sports was combined with Bible study during the conference. Football and other sports stars not only demonstrated their athletic skills but also told of their spiritual experiences.

Bud Wilkinson, coach of the University of Oklahoma's national championship football team, urged the delegates "to make the effort to follow the promptings of the Holy Spirit."

Adrian Burk, former professional football quarterback, said at a devotions session, "We have come to the mountains to come face to face with our Master. If we do this sincerely, we won't mess up any signals He passes to us."

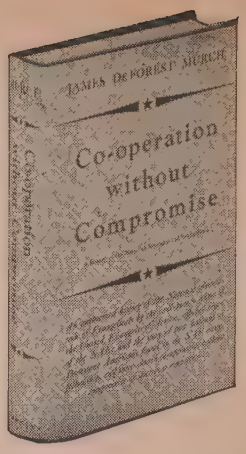
Clarence (Biggie) Munn, athletic director at Michigan State University, Fellowship president, said that since the group's founding in 1956 leading athletes have talked to more than 700,000 young people about Christian ideals.

laymen

CBMCI Is to Convene In Philadelphia, Penn.

CHICAGO—The 21st annual convention of Christian Business Men's Committee International will be held October 15-19 at the Benjamin Franklin Hotel in Philadelphia, according to Dr. T. E. McCully, executive secretary. Theme for the convention will be "Reaching Forth," based on Philippians 3:13.

Featured speakers will include Charles K. Sullivan, Glendale, Calif.;



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Convention committee co-chairmen are Joseph Popp and Leon Sullivan, the latter of whom will deliver the welcome to delegates. Response will be brought by W. J. R. Horsburgh, insurance broker and Honorary British Representative of CBMCI, of London, England.

Retiring directors are Dr. Charles Stees, Wichita, Kan.; Leonard Gustafson, Seattle, Wash.; CBMCI Chairman Donald F. McKechnie, Ottawa, Ont.; Dr. Ross Willows, Winnipeg, Man., and Howell. A new International Chairman will be elected along with other officers on Saturday.

Three local CBMC chairmen will speak at the pre-convention session on Wednesday afternoon, designed especially for committee officers. They are Alfred R. Jackson, Williamsport, Pa.; William F. Webb, Toledo, O., and Robert P. Woodburn, Washington, D. C.

Moderating the five workshop luncheons on Thursday will be Louis Christensen, Orlando, Fla.; Ralph Eaton, Phoenix, Ariz.; William McG. Gardner, Montreal; Ben Lake, Chicago, and C. T. Skanse, Minneapolis.

Urges Greater Use of Laymen in Evangelism

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. — (RNS) — Greater use of laymen in the work of evangelism was urged by Prof. Arthur Vincent of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, at the Central Illinois District, Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, convention here.

Current evangelism results are meager because too much of the task is placed upon pastors, he said. He added that many laymen have the leisure time to engage in personal evangelism, and that the church's task was to recruit them for this ministry.

Dr. John W. Behnken of St. Louis, Synod president, urged that the church be more concerned over the fact that 20,000,000 American children attend no Sunday school or church. "We owe it to the youth of our country to bring them to the Lord Jesus Christ," he said.

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V. Raymond Edman, president of Wheaton College, spoke at the 49th annual pilgrimage to the Old Rockingham (Vt.) Meeting House. His subject was "The Shield of America." Established in 1753, the meeting house was the place of worship attended by Jonathan Blanchard, first president of Wheaton College. Blanchard was born at nearby Saxtons River, Vt.

Bryant K. Schlutow, assistant executive secretary of the Evangelical Foreign Missions Association, has resigned his position. Mr. Schlutow, who had been in the EFMA Washington office for seven years, handled passport and visa matters for missionaries. This vacancy is being filled temporarily by Clyde D. Taylor, Wheaton College sen-

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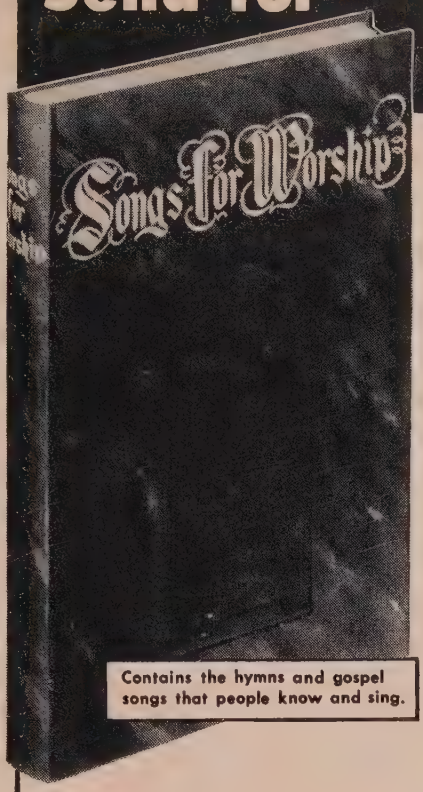

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William H. Kadel, pastor of First Presbyterian church, Orlando, Fla., has been named president of the new Florida Presbyterian College. He began his new work Sept. 1. The college is now in process of formation. A site has not yet been chosen.

Dick Hillis, general director of Orient Crusades, returned to the Orient on August 22 to personally direct their work in that area.

Roy Wolfe and **Larry Ward** are on a round-the-world trip on a unique venture in religious photo-journalism. World Vision is a missionary service organization with headquarters in Los Angeles. Ward is editor of *World Vision* magazine and Wolfe serves the organization as art director. Their itinerary includes Oslo, Berlin, Brussels, Paris, Rome, tension-torn Beirut, Calcutta, Singapore, Saigon, Hong Kong, and various points in Japan, Formosa, the Philippines and Korea where World Vision supports over 12,000 children in 148 orphanages.

Robert A. Cook has accepted the invitation to serve on the board of directors of TEAM (The Evangelical Alliance Mission) to complete the unexpired term of the Reverend Elmer Johnson who found it necessary to relinquish his duties as vice-chairman and to resign because of ill health. In honor of his twenty-seven years of active and faithful service Mr. Johnson was elected to lifetime honorary membership. Mr. Joseph Horness, Michigan industrialist, was appointed vice-chairman.

Bob Pierce, co-founder of Youth for Christ International and president of World Vision, Inc., recently preached at a service in the private chapel of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek, president of Nationalist China. Among those attending the service beside General Chiang Kai-Shek were his son, General Chiang-Ching-Kuo, fourteen Chaplains of the Nationalist army, and a former premier of China.

W. J. Anderson is to retire October 1 from his position as director of the Evangelical Foreign Missions Association's Purchasing Office in New York City. He plans to make his home in Florida.

B. D. Ackley, noted song writer of the Billy Sunday era, passed away recently.

Capitol Report

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der American mission organizations are considered to be "temporarily absent" from the U. S. for the purposes of the immigration and naturalization laws. This protects them against possible loss of naturalization in certain cases where they would otherwise have difficulty with the foreign residence provisions.

Anti-Liquor Bills

The Senate Committee on Interstate Commerce has stalled action on two alcohol bills throughout the greater part of this session of Congress. Senator Strom Thurmond, a member of the committee, decided that the stalling had gone on long enough and pressed for a vote on them. One would ban alcohol ads, the other would take liquor off airlines.

In order to take such a vote the Committee found it necessary to hold a super-secret session. According to reports from the Hill, not even staff members and congressional administrative assistants were allowed in the room while the committee had the matter under consideration. It was known, of course, that several members of the committee, including the chairman, are adamantly opposed to both the advertising and airlines bills. Yet it is a hard bill to vote down, in case the people back home might think the Senators are voting against the cause of righteousness.

So the Committee came up with a thinly veiled negative vote. It simply voted that there would not be time to consider the measures in this session of Congress. It indicated that hearings would be held early in the next session.

The action of the committee must be taken as a flat "no" vote. The next Congress will be an entirely different entity, and no Committee of this Congress has the right to promise what actions the next Congress will take. So it appeared, in the final days of this legislative session, that all hope for action against alcohol had been voted down.

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"Can a Young Man Overcome?" Arthur Gook. 47 pp. Pickering & Inglis, London, 2/6.

"Can a Young Man Trust His God?" Arthur Gook. 48 pp. Pickering & Inglis, London. 2/6. This and the above are reprints of messages by a Plymouth Brethren missionary to Iceland. The latter is full of fascinating accounts of God's dealings.

"Tears of the Bible." Louis Paul Lehman. 93 pp. Zondervan. $1.50. The weeping saints and leaders of the Bible are set forth here in interesting manner.

"Sermon Outlines for Funeral Services."

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"Sermon Outlines on the Second Coming."

The above three are compiled by Al Bryant and are 5½ x 8½ loose-leaf and post-bound. They can be taken apart and put into notebooks if desired. Authorship is given, but not bibliographic source. They run about 60 pages, are published by Zondervan, and sell for $1.00 each.

"Is Mormonism Christian?" Gordon H. Fraser. 122 pp. Moody. 35c. Colportage library no. 340. Fraser has come to grips with Mormonism in the Northwest and has made an extensive study of it. The book will be found adequate and documented.

"Wonderful! and Other Sermons." Billy Sunday. 66 pp. Zondervan. $1.00. Mrs. Sunday here releases some of the famous evangelist's most effective sermons.

"The Famous Christian Athletes." Mel Larson. 94 pp. Zondervan. $1.50. This is an interesting documentary of a phenomenon peculiar to our generation. Not that other athletes have not been Christians—Billy Sunday for instance, and he has been included in this book—but to find ten men of recent years that have been tops in their sport and yet forceful Christians in their testimony is something that has made an impact on the young people of this day.

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"Much Prayer—Much Power!" Peter Deyneka. 89 pp. Zondervan. $1.50. A man who has experienced what he is talking about discusses many phases of this important subject.

"The Deeper Faith; An Exposition of the Canons of the Synod of Dort." Gordon Girod. 135 pp. Reformed Publications, 1819 Newton Ave., S. E., Grand Rapids, Mich. $2.50. These canons are one of the three creeds of the Reformed Church. They deal with the doctrines of election, salvation, and the perseverance of the saints. This is mature doctrine for the believer.

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"Expository Studies in the Life of Christ: His Early Days." C. E. Colton. 116 pp. Zondervan. $2.00. Fifteen sermons cover the pre-existent Christ and His birth, childhood, and temptation. Dr. Colton is pastor of the North Temple Baptist Church in Dallas, Texas.

"Simple Sermons on Simple Themes." W. Herschel Ford. 118 pp. Zondervan. $2.00. A reissue of his previous volume under the title: "God Bless America." Ten sermons deal with basic salvation themes.

"Bought by the Blood." Robert G. Lee. 184 pp. Zondervan. $2.95. Eight full sermons in this volume continue the brilliant preaching of the southern orator. There is a satisfying sense of having come to the center of the Gospel in these messages.

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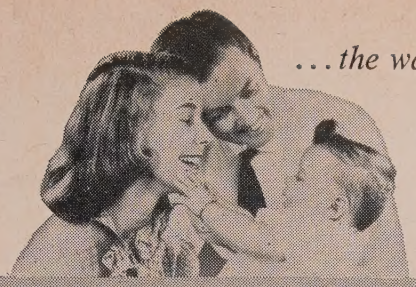

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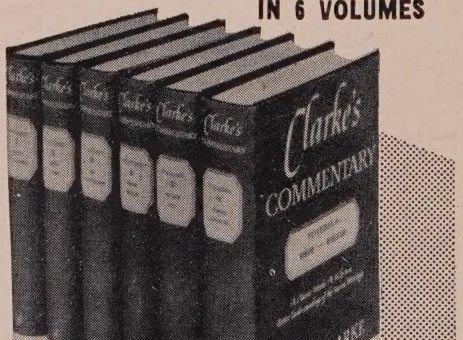

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"Solos & Duets No. 2." Compiled by John W. Peterson. 45 nos. Moody Press. 75c. One of the Melody-aire Series. Most of the numbers are by the compiler, with a selection from other composers.

"The Kingdom of God: A Guide for Old Testament Study." Francis Breisch, Jr. 243 pp. National Union of Christian Schools, Grand Rapids. No price listed. This is a manual designed for use at the high school level in Christian day schools. It could also serve for the same age group, or for adult study, in the Sunday School. The viewpoint is conservative and covenantal, and there are questions for each lesson—one set for factual materials, and one for thought.

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Young People	18-25 years
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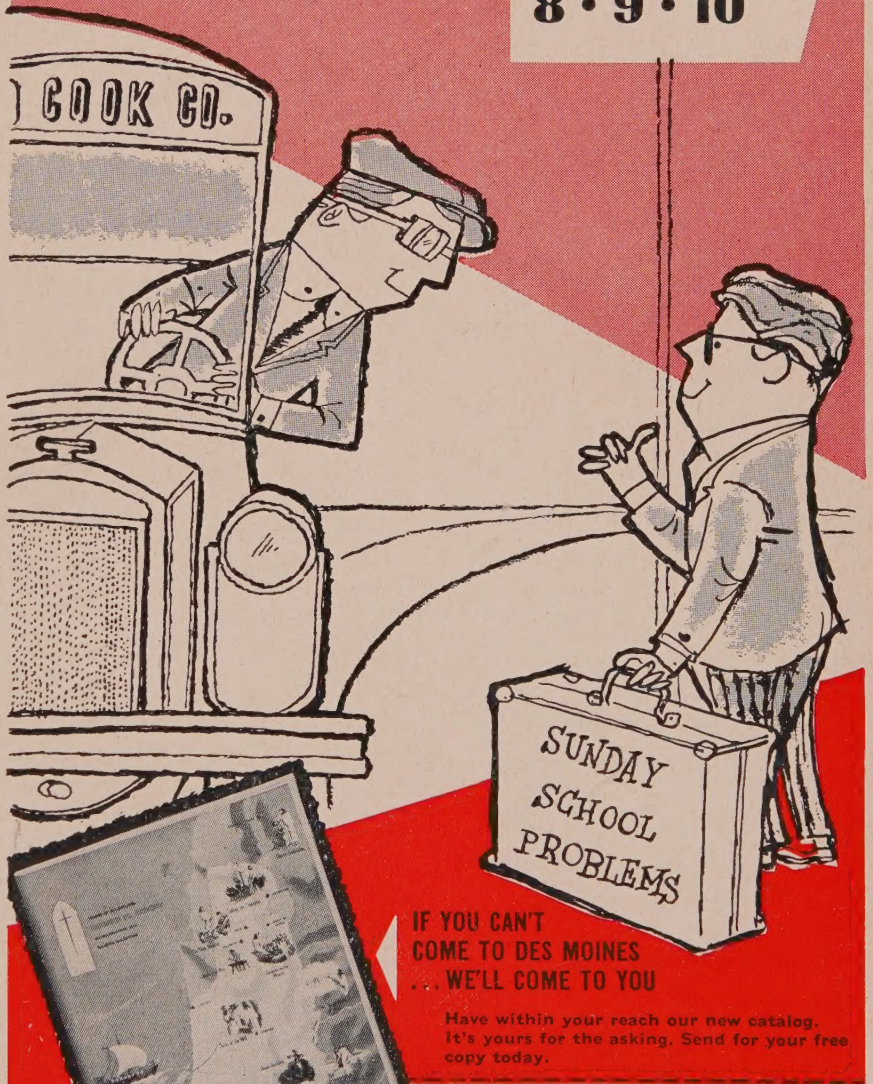

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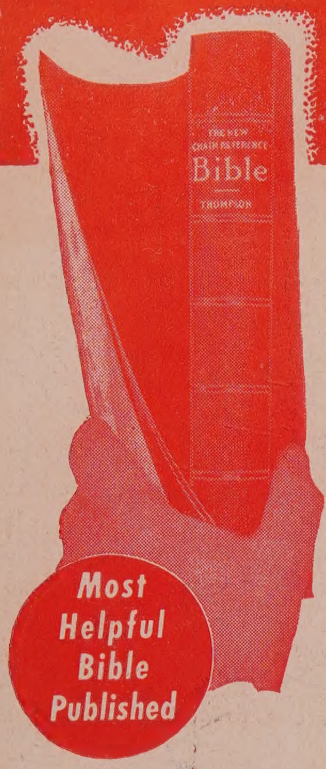

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